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Boll weevil spraying starts in District

The long awaited extermination stage of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program started in the Yoakum County District Tuesday morning. Eradication Zone Manager Darrell Dusek said some five aircraft started spraying selected fields at first light.

All mapping of the district has been completed. Initially, only cotton fields which have reached the 'trigger stage' of cracked bolls will be sprayed with a solution of twelve ounces of malathion per acre. Dusek explained, "The trigger stage indicates at least one cracked cotton boll per plant on at least 25 percent of the plants in a particular field."

Weevil eradication personnel are currently monitoring traps Monday through Thursday each week, as well as checking for cracked bolls. When the crews find enough weevils, plus sufficient cracked bolls to reach the trigger stage, that field is scheduled for spraying the following morning.

G & B Aerial Application,

Boll Weevil Count Aug. 9-15 Previous UNIT COUNT

713	108
714	550
715	1027
716	1484
717	1191
718	2621
TOTALS	6981

Aug. 16-22 Current UNIT COUNT

713	1464
714	4650
715	2155
716	1897
717	2719
718	3915
TOTALS	16800

Inc. was awarded the contract for aerial spraying. Later, when fifty percent of cotton fields in the district reach the cracked boll stage, and the daily weevil count warrants, one hundred percent of all fields in the county will be sprayed. "The

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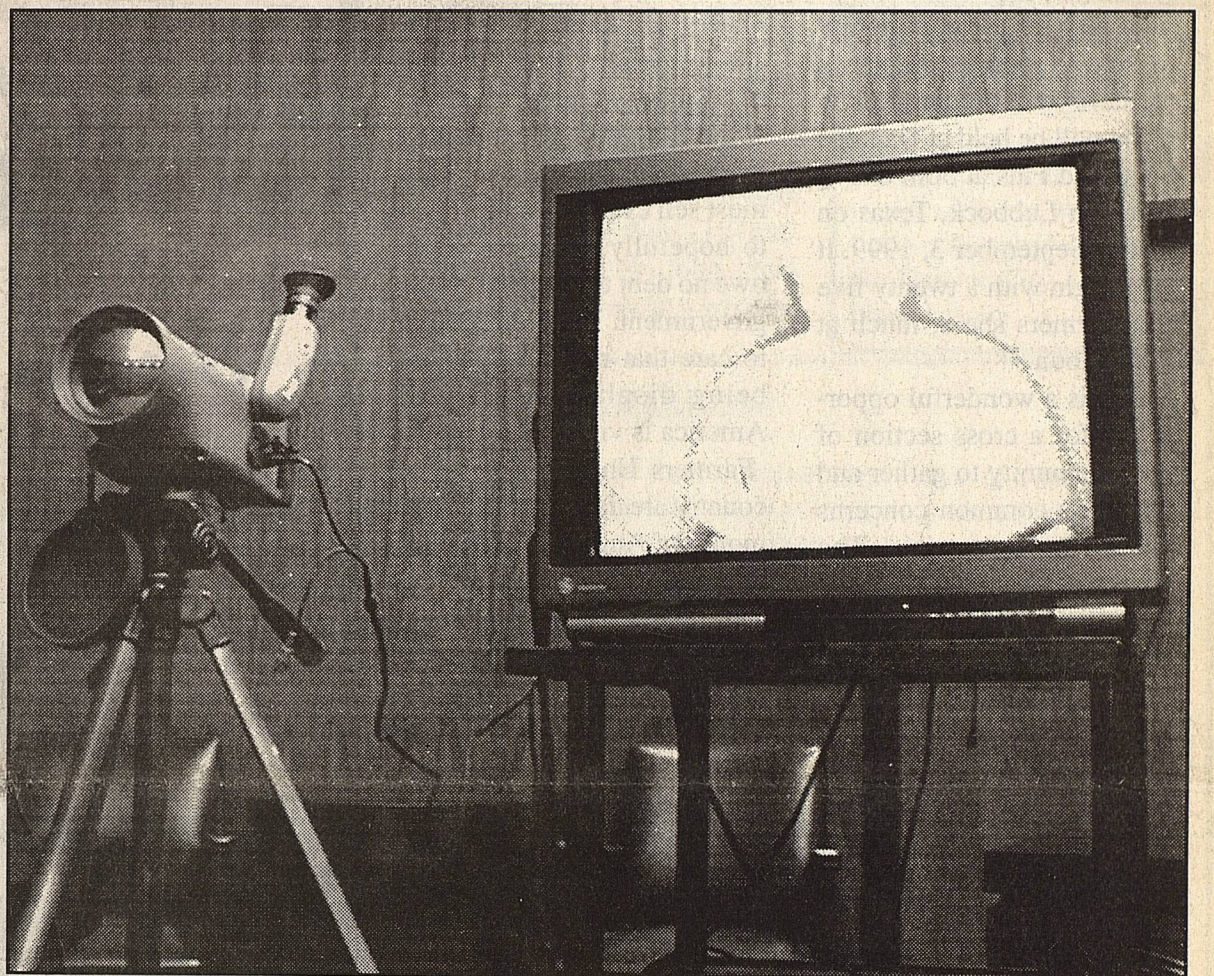
Jones seeks office with state association

In Monday's session of Commissioner's Court, the court unanimously approved a resolution approving County Treasurer Toni Jones' bid for the office of Vice-President of the Texas Association of Counties. The TAC Board will appoint officers at the December 1999 board meeting.

Jones has served as County Treasurer over 12 and one-half years. She has been employed by the county for twenty years. She is a past president of the County Treasurer Association, serving in 1996-97. She also held a number of other offices in that association.

Jones is also a member of the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers. In August of 1988, she became a National Certified County Treasurer, and she earned certification as a Certified Investment Officer in 1994. She has also served in other officer positions with CTAT, and is a past Board member of CAT

Criminal culprits beware! This night watchman can find you in the dark



Use your imagination; You're a dealer and have made a drug sale late at night on a dark street, with more drugs in your pocket. Suddenly you sense you are being watched. Frightened, you dig out the stash of marijuana, cocaine, whatever, toss it aside and hurry along. You are suddenly blinded by police car lights, ordered to stop. You feel relieved you tossed the drugs, and are 'clean'. Unfortunately, your every move in the dark night has been observed, and a law officer distinctly sees the tossed bag of drugs, still in the dark, glowing with heat radiated from your body. Sound like a Sci-Fi Dick Tracy episode?

It's not. It is advanced technology at work in the nationwide objective to reduce drug use in half over the next ten years.

Recently, Criminal District Attorney Investigator Rick Dickson learned of federal grant

funds available through the Counter drug Technology Assessment Center for acquiring a number of technological tools and programs in the drug use war. Dickson applied for a grant for the one item he felt would be most useful to law enforcement officials, as well as other agencies in the county.

Yoakum County now has possession of a thermal imaging device, developed by the Raytheon Corporation, which is an amazing piece of high-tech equipment. Dickson demonstrated the device for CCN, which looks exactly like many cam corders. In a pitch dark room at the courthouse, Dickson's ghost like image stood out dramatically. He placed his hand on a chair a few seconds, then removed it, and the heat from his hand remained on the chair, as clear as his entire body image.

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Lions honor Pierre St. Romain for 90th birthday



Carolyn Culwell, spouse Mary Jo presented Pete with a handsome birthday cake

Pierre "St. Romain" may not have been completely surprised at last Thursday's Lions Club meeting, but he was completely pleased. Club President Vaughn Culwell announced he was being honored in advance of his 90th birthday on August 21. Pete is the only remaining charter member of the club, serving as a Lion over 53 years. He was joined at the meeting by a number of family members and friends celebrating the event.

Guest speaker for the noon meeting was Lisa Johnston, a claims representative in the Lubbock Social Security office. She

presented a brief review of the agencies history and many functions. The Social Security Administration came into being under the administration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1935. Future recipients of social security funds did not start making contributions to the program until 1937.

Ms. Johnston said over 145 million Americans now pay into the social security program, and currently some 44 million citizens draw some form of benefits. She said one frequently heard complaint her office hears from benefit recipients is 'I

can't live on this amount of money each month.' She said emphatically the social program was never designed to replace a workers income, but was meant to supplement it. "The practice of regular and faithful saving of funds, and prudent investments is the only way a retiree can expect a comfortable life when his work days are over," she said.

Currently, full social security retirement benefits are available to eligible citizens 65 years old. During the next few years, the age for full benefit eligibility will gradually increase to age 67.

To Pray Or Not To Pray - Must Appeals Courts have final say ?

An article in the Sunday edition of The Lubbock Avalanche Journal and many other state newspapers has again raised the thorny issue of prayer in public schools - in this case, prayers offered by school students prior to athletic events. The long observed ritual throughout the state was recently ruled unconstitutional by the New Orleans Court of Appeals.

As expected, the ruling has not pleased most school district officials. The A-J article reported opposition to the court decision from officials in Lamesa, Andrews and Plainview.

Plains ISD Superintendent Jim Haynes told CCN Sunday,

"I have always been a strong supporter of student delivered, non-sectarian prayers prior to certain athletic events. I feel it is the right of those students who wish to express their feelings, and the students who wish to hear those thoughts expressed. Opponents of prayer in our public schools usually cite the need for separation of church and state, but I personally think that thought is a non-issue. If our kids want to deliver a message to a Higher Being, why should the court object?"

An employee of the county told CCN Monday, "This court ruling reminds me of an editorial type cartoon which has been on the bulletin board in

the courthouse for some time; At the top of the drawing are the words, "Crime Scene", and a large school is pictured with a flag flying the message, "Columbine High School". Two somber looking youngsters stare at the school, and one asks, "Why couldn't God have stopped the shootings?" His companion answers, "How could he? He's not allowed inside anymore."

The A-J article indicates many school districts will continue to allow students to deliver prayers, or "solemnizing" messages before athletic contests, at least until served with court papers ordering them to cease and desist.

Texas Farmers Union to hold "Rural Unity Day" - urges Texas to put the "Unity Back into Community"

Texas Farmers Union will hold a "Rural Unity Day" event on Friday September 3, 1999, to help heighten awareness of the farm crisis and its impact on all segments of the community.

The gathering will bring together lawmakers, business owners, religious groups, farm leaders and others to call attention to the severity of the farm crisis and the need for immediate relief action by Congress.

Local, state, and federal legislators including Senator Paul Wellstone, a well known rural and producer advocate will be on hand to discuss the farm crisis with constituents. Texas Farmers Union is urging constituents from across the region to attend. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the community to show support for the state's farmers and ranchers. The event will be held at Danny's Hens and Fins at 50th and Q Street in Lubbock, Texas on Friday September 3, 1999. It will begin with a twenty five cent farmers share, lunch at 12:00 noon.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for a cross section of the community to gather and voice it's common concerns about the farm crisis. The impact of the crisis is not limited to the farm rural main street feels the effects as well," said Wes Sims, Texas Farmers Union President. "Action needs to be taken immediately to help end the steep hurdles facing so many

in agriculture. This is a chance to send a message to Congress that it must act now."

Sims, a Sweetwater farmer and rancher, said a \$7.4 billion package passed by the U.S. Senate before the August recess is a first step. Farmers Union's proposed short term financial assistance package is \$16.725 billion, while other agriculture organizations are also calling for higher figures than the Senate Version. After the U.S. House of Representatives considers its own package after Labor Day, differences will be worked out between both houses.

"Producers are being liquidated because bankers are becoming concerned with lack of return as a result of record low commodity prices," Sims continued. "Banks are foreclosing, and farmers are being put out of business. Farmers who have worked a lifetime have now reached the point where they must sell everything they own to hopefully break even and owe no debt to creditors or the government. We need leaders to care that rural citizens are being displaced and rural America is virtually dying."

Farmers Union's across the country are devoting the entire month of August to help rural America have a voice. Throughout the month the organization will be issuing a series of news releases to highlight different aspects of the crisis and how it effects rural America.

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"This device's use is limited only by our imagination," Dickson said. "All of our law enforcement people can use it for night surveillance work. Our fire departments can use it to locate hot spots after a fire in a building or a pasture is supposed to be extinguished. It will be invaluable in tracking fleeing felons at night, and could be used to locate missing people at night."

In the courthouse demonstration, pipes carrying hot water in the building walls were clearly glowing with heat through the camera type lens. Dickson said the device can easily spot false compartments in vehicles used to transport drugs, and is operable from

aircraft at night.

The grant for the thermal imager, valued at \$25,000, also included funds for Dickson's trip to Phoenix for training on the cameras functions and use. He said over 200 other law enforcement personnel were there for training on many other types of new technology equipment used in the ongoing war on drugs.

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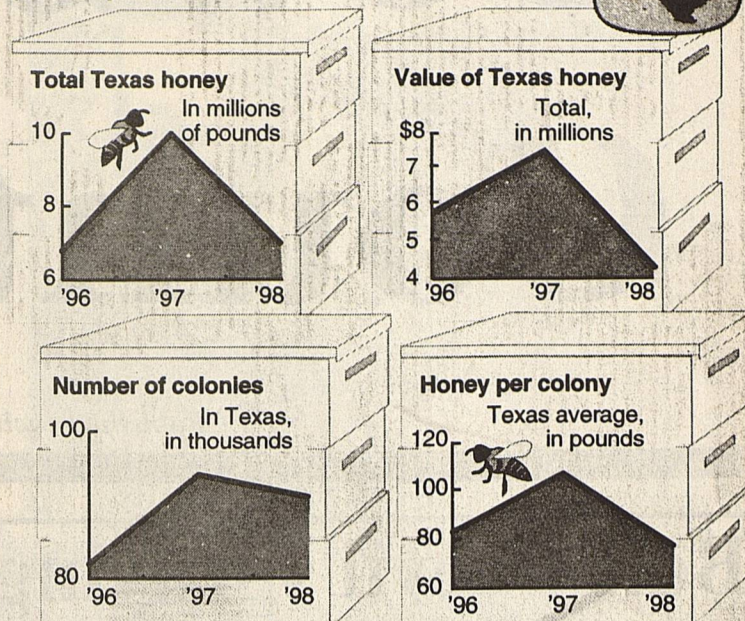
County airport will be a very busy place. Some 15 aircraft will be used in the spraying then. There has already been some limited applications by our ground rig mist blowing units."

Dusek told CCN the six work unit supervisors will contact all cotton producers before any of their fields are sprayed.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Honey brings in money

Texas produces about five percent of the honey in the U.S., with beekeepers earning \$4.3 million in 1998 from hives that produced an average of 77 pounds of honey per colony of bees.

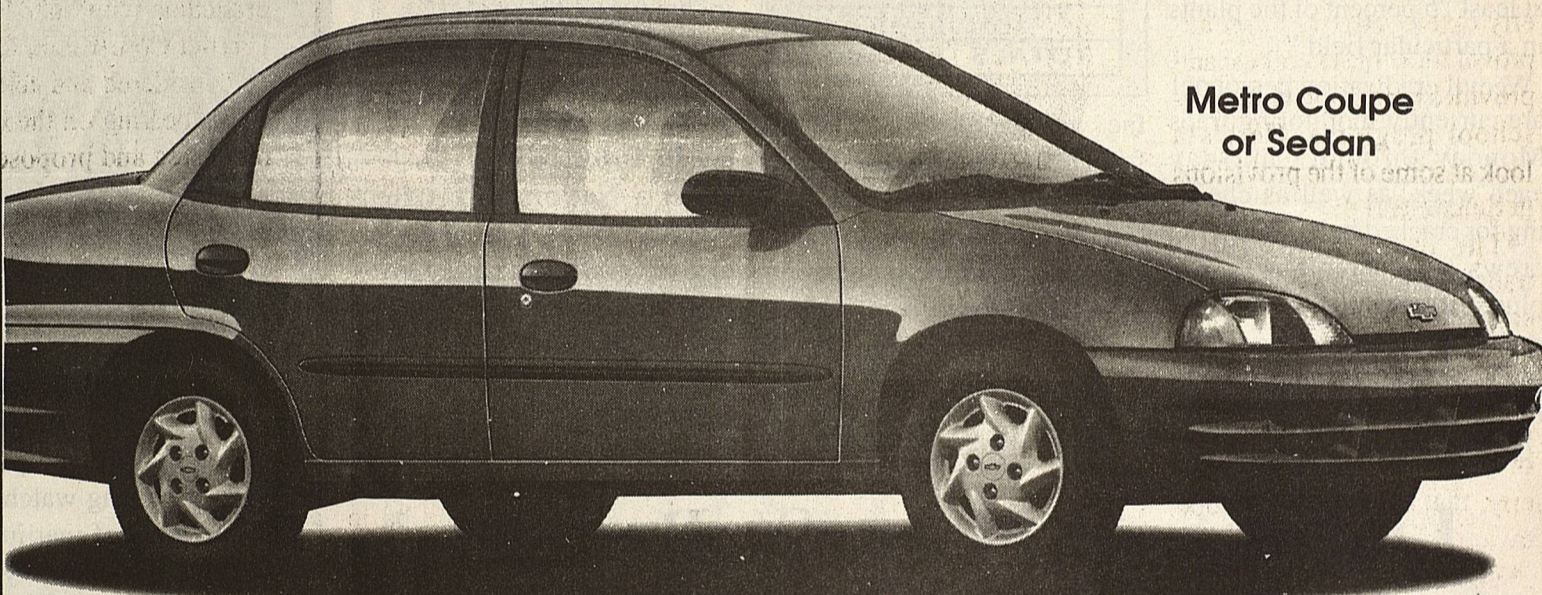


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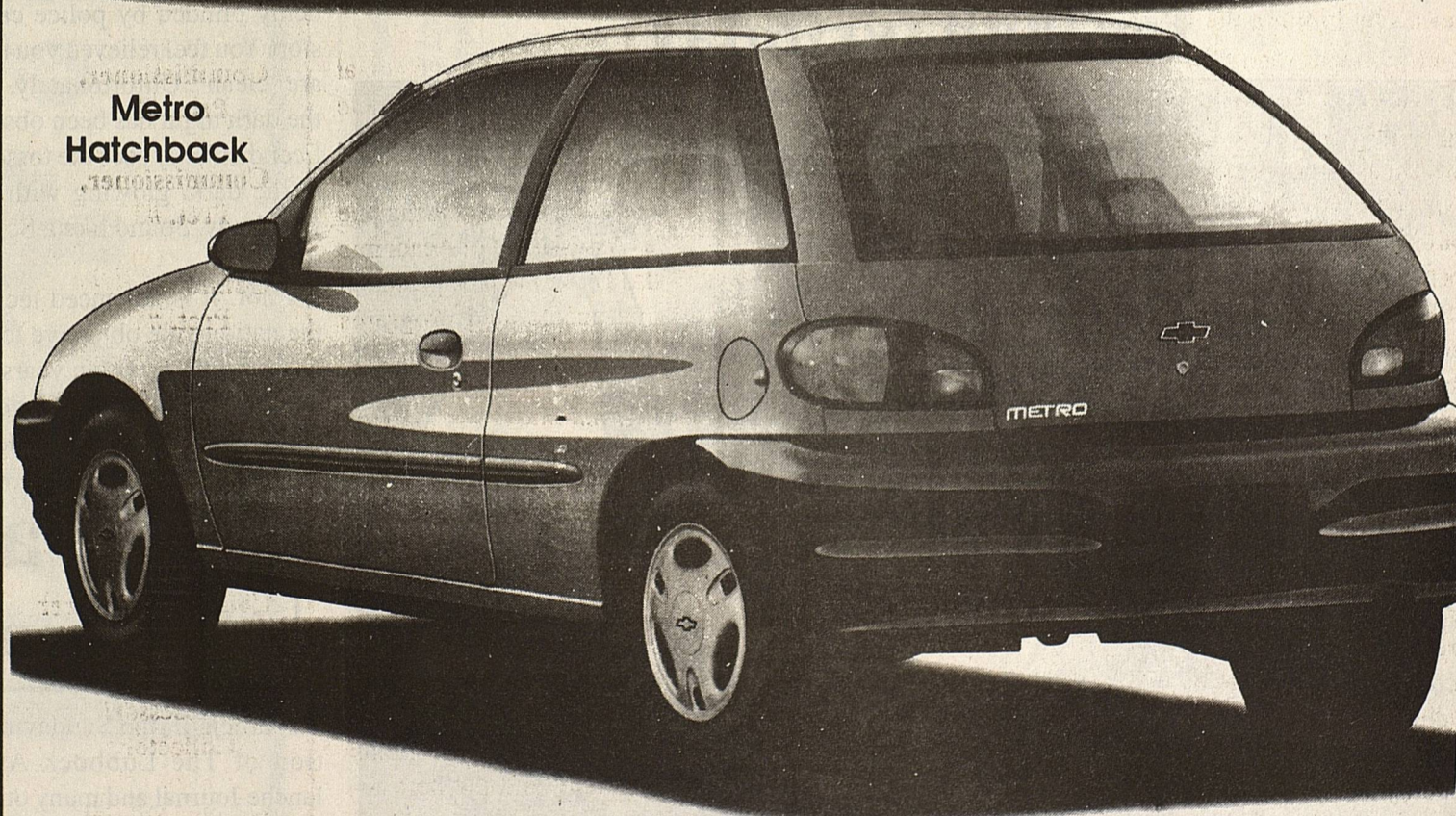
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Looking for the Ginger Bread Man



Last Friday morning, kindergarten youngsters took a long, rambling trek around the Plains ISD campuses. They were in their annual search for the fabled Ginger Bread Man of fictional fame. Elementary teachers Mrs. Banfield, Hawthorne and McGinty use the excursion to backup instructional work about the subject, and also to familiarize the youngsters with the entire school complex. Part of the excursion, of course, includes the school "Policeman" finding the Ginger Bread Man and bringing him to the delighted children. Supt. Haynes and Bus. Mgr. Banfield are shown helping in the search.

Texas School-Aid

As school begins this month, teachers can look forward to a \$3,000 pay raise approved by the 1999 Legislature as part of its \$3.8 billion education package.

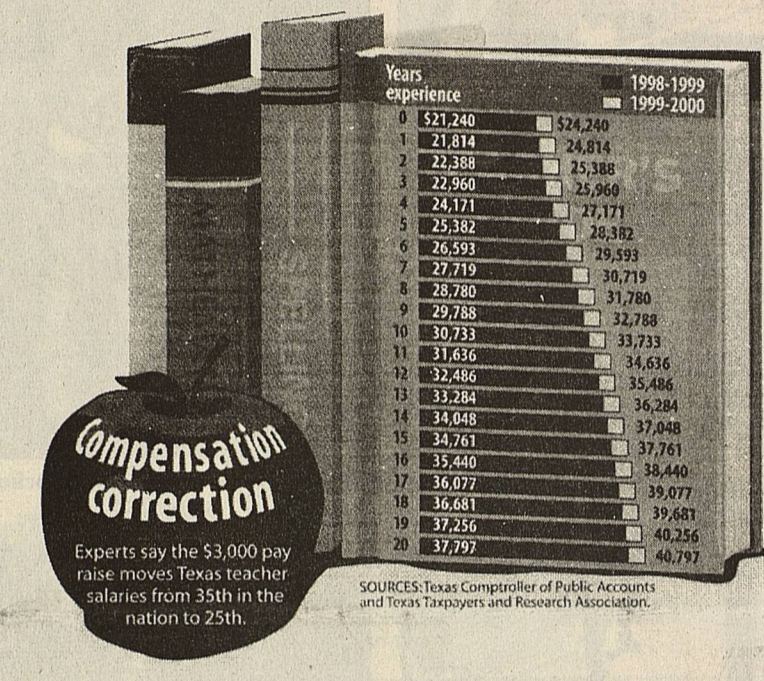
State officials called Senate Bill 4, with its key program improvements and record school funding, landmark legislation.

The package also cuts property taxes; requires voter approval for some tax hikes; and provides more money for pre-school programs. Here's a look at some of the provisions in Senate Bill 4:

*The property tax relief translates into a statewide average rate reduction of about 6 cents per \$100 valuation, according to the Legislative Budget Board. For the owner of a \$100,000 piece of property, that could mean a \$600 tax cut.

*SB 4 tempers tax rate increases by limiting the speed at which local school districts may raise tax rates without going to the voters for approval. The bill also provides a mechanism whereby most districts could reduce maintenance and operation tax rates.

*SB 4 creates a new component in the finance system in which the state helps school districts pay back existing debt. Most of this debt is for facilities.



ties. School districts with a substantial amount of old debt could see property tax rates drop as much as 15-20 cents per \$100 valuation.

*Other property tax relief approved by the 1999 Legislature includes aid for new schools, support for new school facilities debt service and protection for districts from rapid and recent declines in property values.

*To pay for the raise for teachers, counselors, nurses and librarians, several school finance formulas were altered, with about \$1.7 billion dedicated to teacher salary increases. The state will pay the difference in school districts where 80 percent of the new state funding

driven by formula increases is not large enough to cover the raises.

*SB 4 devotes nearly \$300 million for new grant programs for kindergarten, pre-kindergarten and Head Start, and basic skills for 9th grade students at risk of not advancing to the 10th grade.

*SB 4 substantially ends social promotion to the next grade with a few exceptions. Beginning with the 2002-03 school year, third graders failing the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) will be placed in special accelerated programs and given three opportunities to pass the test. Students who fail the test the third time are held back.

IPM Update

Phillip Kidd, Extension Agt. IPM

Boll Weevil

Punctured square counts increased considerably in most scouting program fields this week. Counts are higher in Terry County than in Yoakum County at this time. Yoakum County program fields seem to be about one week behind those in Terry in terms of boll weevil population development. Most Terry County fields have now been treated, with punctured square counts ranging as high as 46%. Several of these fields increased from less than 10% last Friday to more than 30% on Monday.

Several Yoakum County fields are now on the bubble at 10 to 15% punctured squares. The highest count so far was 24% on the State line. I expect counts in all of these fields to increase to treatable

levels by the beginning of next week at the latest.

Many producers are now trying to hold off until the eradication program begins spraying fields at the cracked boll stage. I encourage you to give this a lot of thought before you let weevils devour your field for the next couple of weeks. This could be a very expensive mistake in some cases. Remember previous years when you had to start treating for weevils about this time and had to keep spraying well into September. This year is different because you just have to hold them off until the program starts.

The eradication program will be treating with the sole objective of killing bill weevils. However, they will be inadvertently protecting your yields

at the same time. This could be the cheapest top crop you've made since the boll weevil became a serious problem several years ago. Of course all fields are different, and the best action in some cases may be to let the field go. I just encourage you to think it through.

PRECIP UPDATE

Monday evenings rain measured 1.65 inches at City Hall, making the total to date for August 1.96 inches, and a whopping 21.45 inches for the year!

J P Court

August 20, 1999 - The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed: 37 traffic cases, 2 public intoxication, 1 consumption of alcohol by minor, 1 case filed by Yoakum County Sanitarian.

Bonds set: Public intoxication - \$200 bond. Failure to stop and give information - \$500 bond. Bond forfeiture on failure to appear - \$750 cash bond. Bond forfeiture on driving while license suspended - \$1,000 cash bond. Contempt of court - disobedience of court order - \$500 cash bond. Driving while intoxicated - 3rd or more - \$2,500 bond plus interlock device ordered. Bond forfeiture on failure to identify - \$500 cash bond. Failure to appear - \$1,000 bond. Public intoxication - \$246.25 fine. Immigration fraud - held until transported. 2 cases - bond forfeiture - \$500 cash bond, purchase/furnish alcohol to minor.

Deputy to appear on MDA Telethon

Deputy Sheriff James Melendez is going to be a television star. That's what the letter he received from the Lubbock Muscular Dystrophy Association stated recently. He was invited to appear as one of the check presenters on Channel 13's broadcast of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon on Monday, September 6. Melendez is scheduled on the air at approximately 12:10 p.m. that day.

He was invited to participate in the local segment of the 22 hour telethon because of his recent fund raising role in Denver City's "Lock-Up" MDA fund raiser. James was selected as one of the culprits to be locked up in the mock jail at Denver City Bank, complete with striped prison garb and fake jail bars.

In order to "get out of jail", Melendez was required to call on friends, family, whoever, to raise at least \$600 in pledges to the MDA campaign. He told CCN, "I really didn't have to stay in that jail very long. I had already called about everyone

I knew, especially folks in the Tokio area, to pledge, or bail me out. When they turned me loose, I had raised \$1001 in pledges, and I think all of them have been paid."

Melendez added, "I was glad the "Lock Up" event went so well and raised the money it did. I was also real glad some of my buddies didn't make pledges to KEEP me in jail."

* PUBLIC NOTICE * State of Texas County of Yoakum

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on September 7, 1999 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom in Plains, Texas on the 2000 Proposed Budget for Yoakum County.

All persons attending the hearing will have the opportunity to give written and oral comments and to ask questions about the Proposed Budget. A copy of the said Proposed Budget is on file in the County Clerk's Office and may be examined there or in the office of the County Judge or County Auditor, or in the Denver City Library or Plains Library.

PUBLIC HEARING

As required by law, and by directive of the Commissioners' Court of Yoakum County, Texas, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Public Hearing on the salaries, expenses and allowances of elected County and Precinct Officers to be provided for in the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget for Yoakum County is set for 4:00 P.M., September 7th, 1999, preceding the Public Hearing on 2000 Proposed Budget. The hearing will be held in the District Courtroom, County Courthouse, Plains, Texas. The salaries and allowances will be considered and acted upon at this meeting and officially adopted before the completion of the hearing on the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget. Present salaries and allowances with the requested and proposed increases are as follows:

Elected Official	Present Base Salary/ Longevity Salary/ Allowance	Proposed Base Salary/ Longevity Salary/ Allowance(s)	Increase
County Judge	35,963.88	35,963.88	0.00
	3,456.00	3,744.00	288.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
NOTE (1)	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
NOTE(2)	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
Commissioner, Prct. #1	35,355.84	35,355.84	0.00
	0.00	432.00	432.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Commissioner, Prct. #2	35,355.84	35,355.84	0.00
	36.00	444.00	408.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Commissioner, Prct. #3	35,355.84	35,355.84	0.00
	6,336.00	6,624.00	288.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Commissioner, Prct. #4	35,355.84	35,355.84	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
County Clerk	40,763.88	40,763.88	0.00
	36.00	444.00	408.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
District Clerk	40,763.88	40,763.88	0.00
	1,560.00	1,968.00	408.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
County Treasurer	40,763.88	40,763.88	0.00
	5,784.00	6,072.00	288.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Assessor/ Collector	41,003.88	41,003.88	0.00
	7,320.00	7,608.00	288.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
County Sheriff	35,963.88	35,963.88	0.00
	5,448.00	5,736.00	288.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
JP, Prct. #1	31,065.60	31,065.60	0.00
	3,936.00	4,224.00	288.00
	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00
JP, Prct. #2	31,065.60	31,065.60	0.00
	576.00	720.00	144.00
	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00
Constable, Prct. #1	1.00	1.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
Constable, Prct. #2	1.00	1.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00

*NOTE (1) Juvenile Board Salary for Juvenile Judge duties.

*NOTE (2) Judicial Salary for Constitutional County Court Judge's duties. (State Supplement)

The '99 Cowgirls Volleyball Team



Standing- Laura Morales, Jessica Flores, Candace Bowers, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Michaela Traweek, Kari Guetersloh, Staci Tuggle. Kneeling: Lexi Warren, Elva Ruiz, Patty Ruiz.

PHS Volleyball Summary

JV Cowgirls:

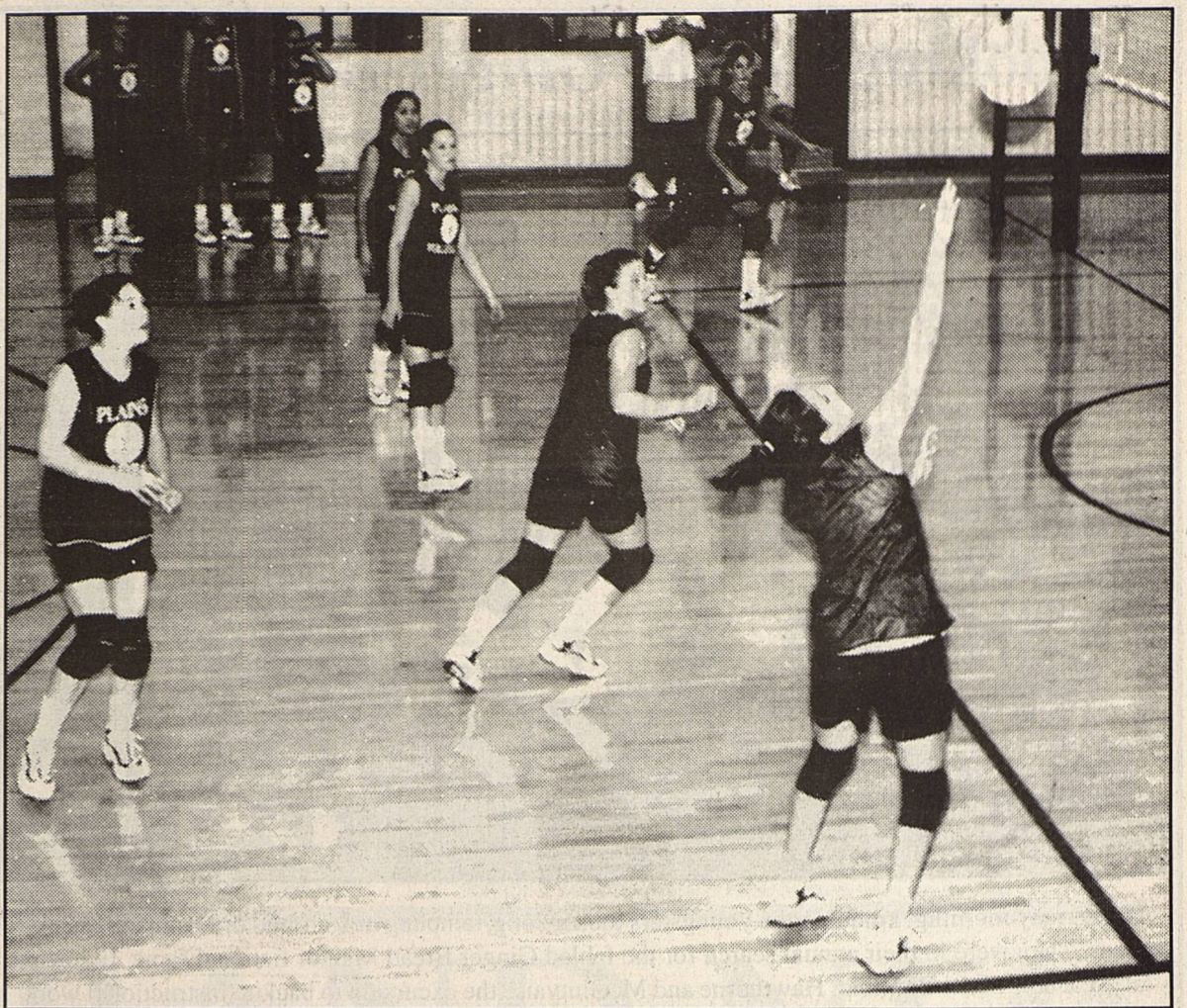
The JV Gold girls opened with a convincing win over Frenship 15-5, 12-15, and 15-13. Coach said they pulled away from a 13-13 tie by doing things correctly, including passing, Sets, and hitting.

The JV Girls downed big Lubbock High here last week 13-15, 15-13, and 15-8. They were down 5-11 at one time, but fought back by siding out and serve receiving.

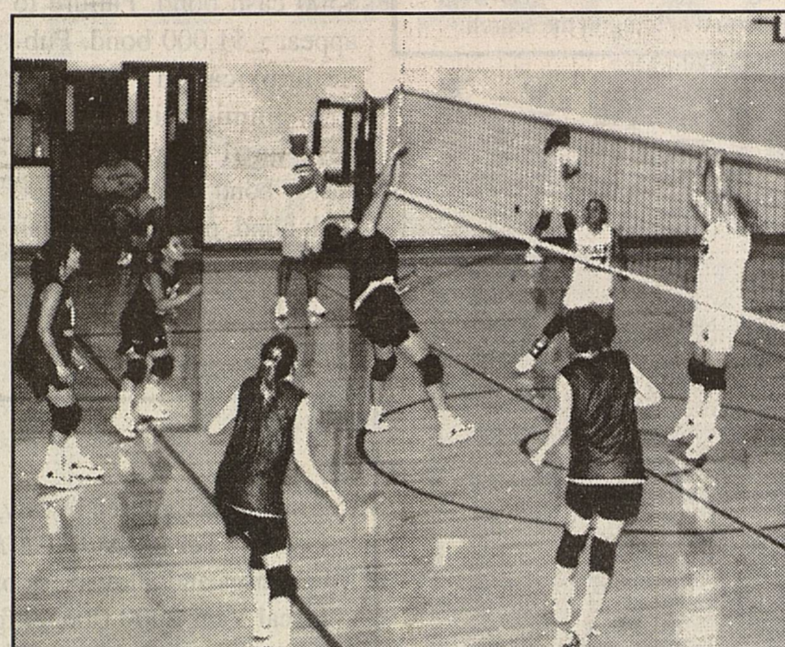
Varsity Cowgirls:

The Cowgirls journeyed to week last weekend to compete against 15 other teams in the "Best of the West Tournament". They may it to the championship bracket, then defeated Dell City, but finally fell to Midland High and Midland Christian to finish fourth

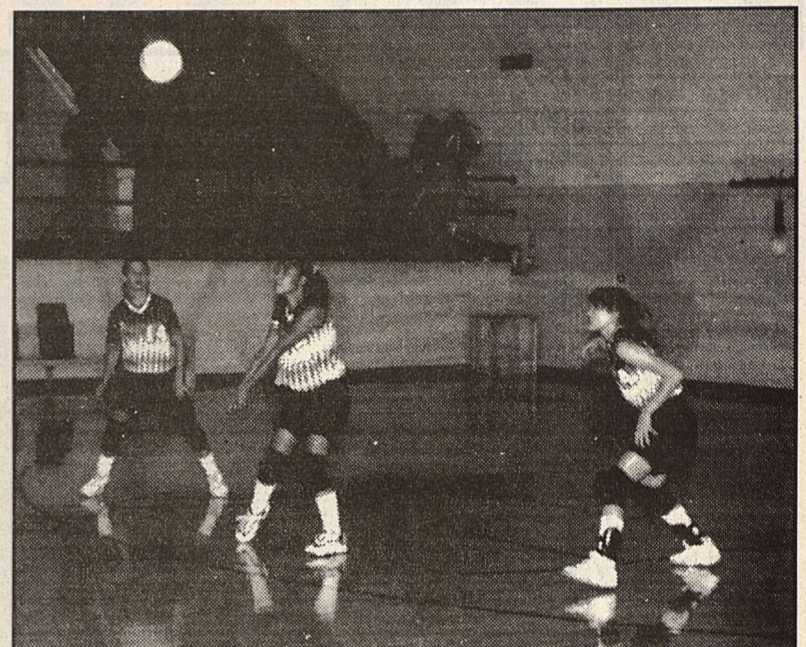
in the tourney. Senior Candace Bowers was named to the All Tournament team.



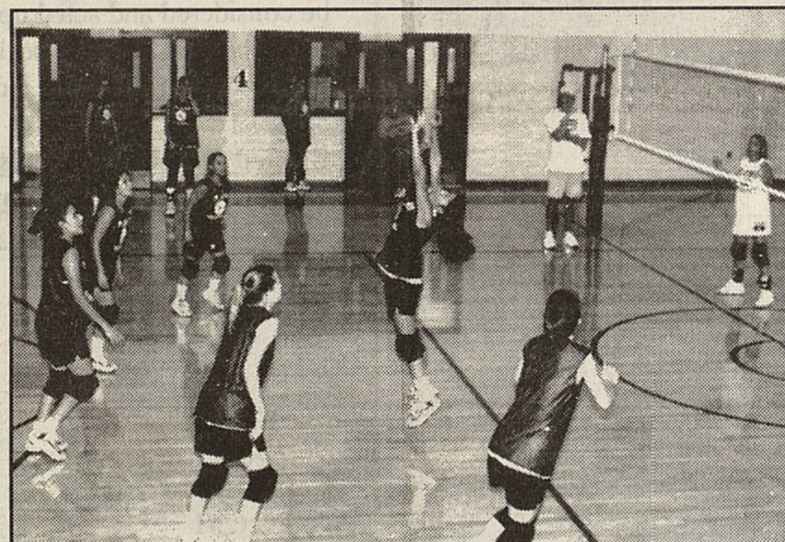
Jessica Flores, Staci Tuggle, Michaela Traweek, Kari Guetersloh, Patty Ruiz, Candace Bowers, work at net.



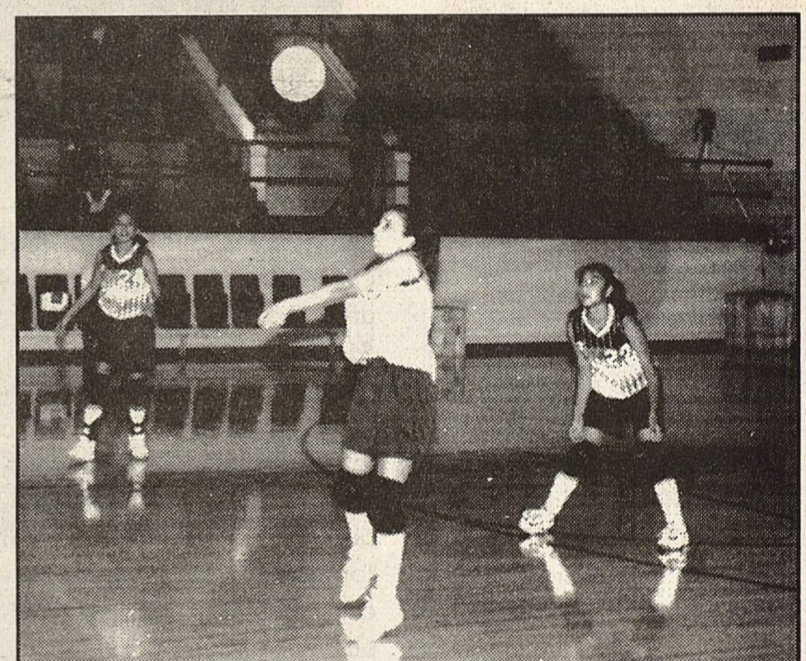
Cowgirl Jessica Flores spike one against J.V. girls.



Frances Cordova returns, Mackenzie Winn and Chelsea Blount ready to help.



Cowgirls work hard on techniques against J.V.



Chelsi Wagnon returns serve, Julie Gonzales and Frances Cordova stand by.

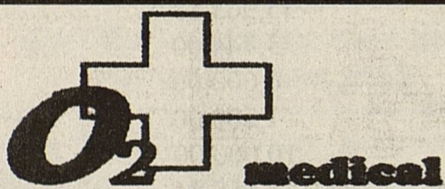
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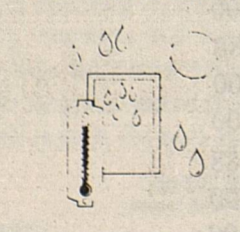
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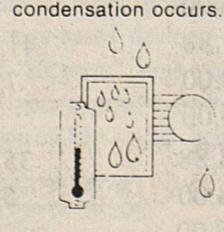
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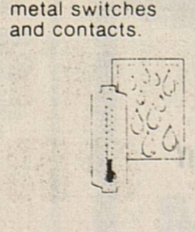
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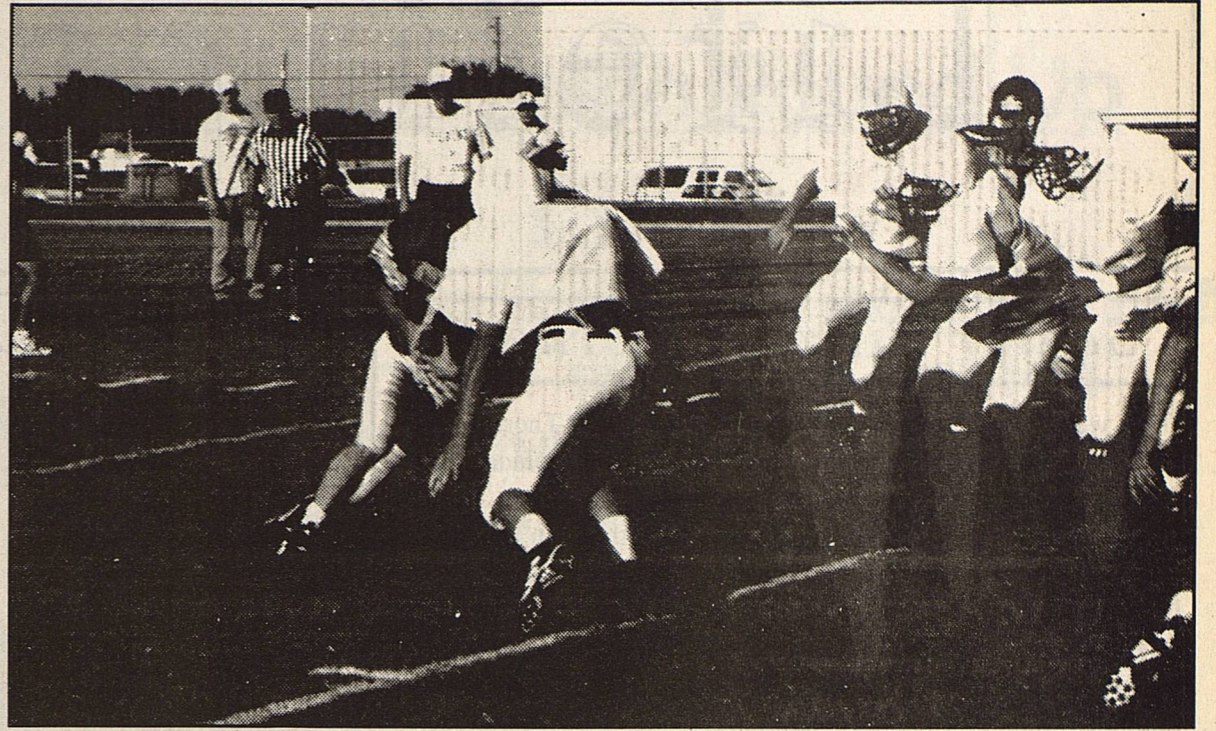
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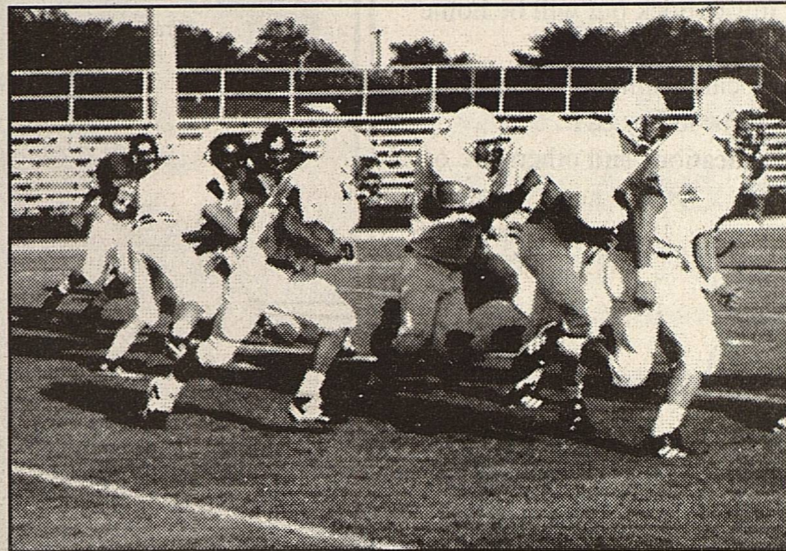


These PHS Student Council members gathered Saturday morning prior to patrolling and cleaning of a two mile stretch of U.S. Highways 380 and 82. The members "Adopted" the section of highway, and will pickup trash and litter at least four times during the year. Shown above are, front, L-R - Lesli Rowe, Taylor Gray, Tanner Hamm, Jordan Bean, Jered Newland, Mrs. Dorsett, sponsor. Back L-R - Elizabeth Wilmeth, Jill Gray, Chelsea Blount, Kayla Willis, Anne Palmer, Krystle Blundell, Mandi Rogers, Nicole Haynes.

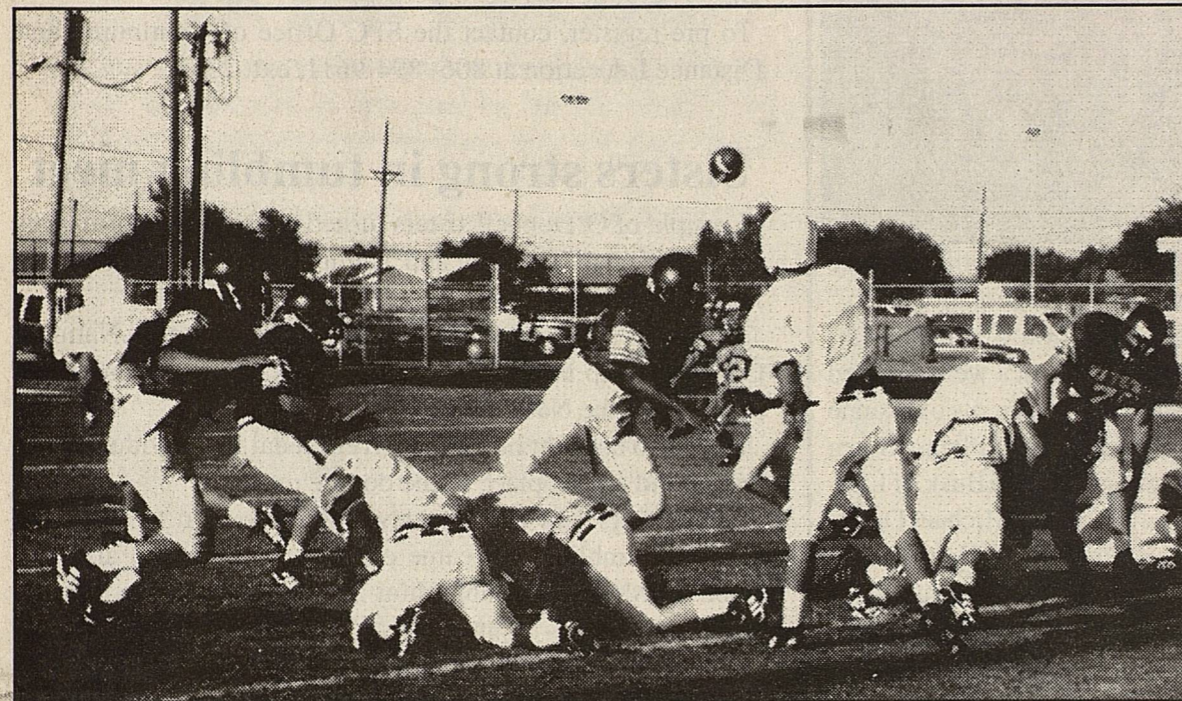
Cowboy scrimmage action against Whiteface



Jared Bell ready to make hit, defense coming in to help.

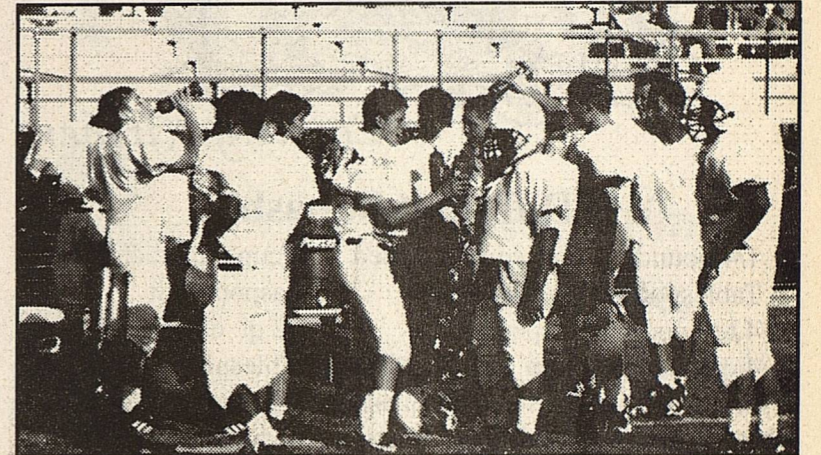


Up front blocking like this produced big yardage by Cowboy runners.

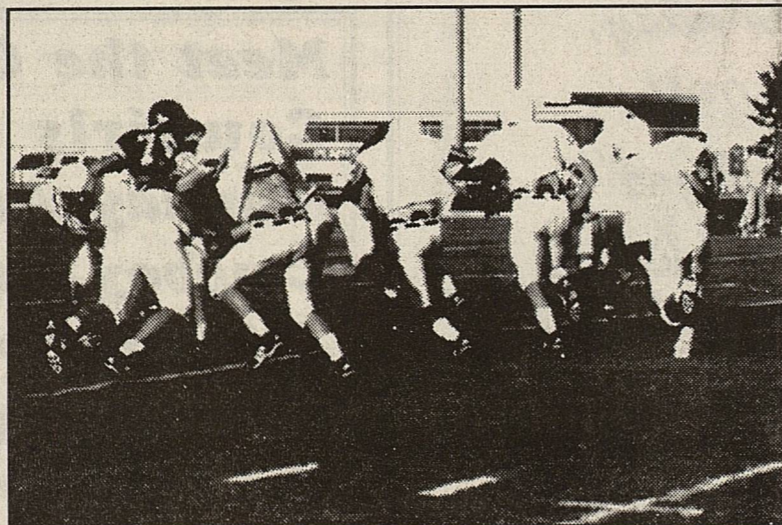


Line gives QB Jared Bell plenty of time to throw.

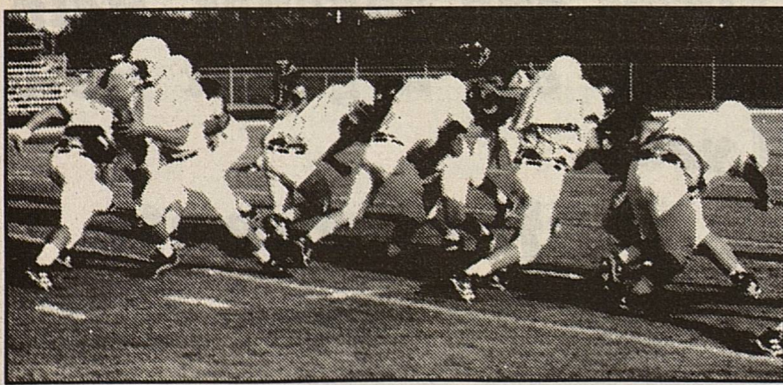
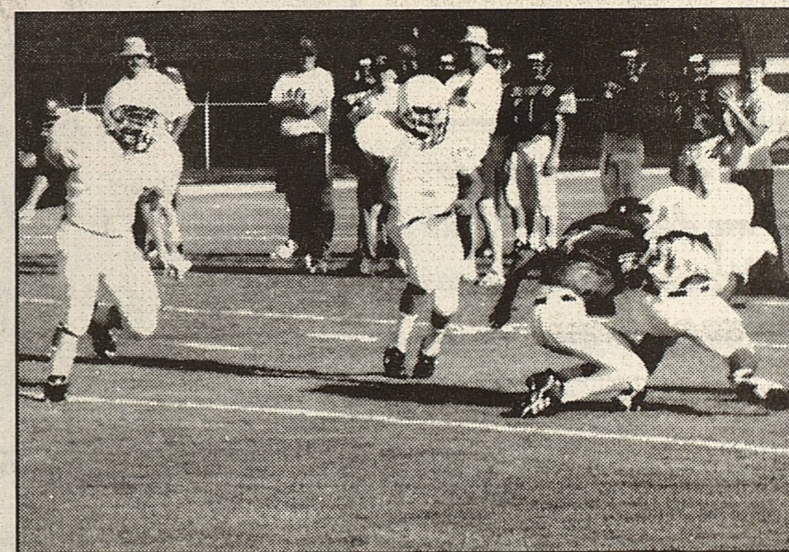
Jubilant J.V. Cowboys celebrate good outing against Whiteface with water break.



Adam Garcia, far right, follow good blocking by line.



Pete Longoria caught Whiteface runner in backfield for big loss



Cowboy line drive Whiteface defense back.



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Lifelines & Styles

Senior Citizens Corner

This weeks Pool Tournament was well attended. There were 28 contestants. Winners for the ladies in 9 ball - 1st place June Hannaman, 2nd place Raye Bailey. In 8 ball - 1st place Betty Contrell, 2nd place Ilene Fillips. Winner for the men in 9 ball were - 1st place Billie Wood - 2nd place Cookie Blancet. In 8 ball - 1st place Cookie Blancet - 2nd place Bob Fillips.

New faces at the Center this week are Dessie Berry, also Jr. and Nadine Goldston. We are glad to see new ones and encourage others to join in. There's lots to do each day. Exercise, games, good fellowship and a good mea.

Stelom Dolloff has had surgery in Lubbock but will be home soon.

Lida Carpenter has had a stay in local hospital.

The Garage Sale goes on. Come browse any day.

Several have returned from cool vacations and others are on the way. Lucky People!

See you next week,
Smitty

From Cowboy



Country Kitchen

"Different Squash"

1 1/4 pounds yellow squash, sliced 2/3 cup onion, chopped
3 Tablespoons instant rice 1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon white pepper 1 1/2 qt. chicken broth
1/4 cup heavy cream 2 Tablespoons butter

Simmer all ingredients until squash is very tender, strain soup. Puree solids in blender and return to soup. Stir in butter and cream. Serve hot in cups. Top with parsley or cheese (cheddar) if desired.

This recipe courtesy of our subscriber
Yvonne Stotts

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who supported me during the 1999 Rodeo Queen Contest. It was a great honor to be your Chamber of Commerce queen candidate. Thanks again for your help and support.

*Love,
Dawn Garland*

Hey Volunteers!!

Help is needed slicing and serving watermelons at the Watermelon Round Up! Contact Toni Jones if you can work a shift.

Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie L. Fitzgerald of plains, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a "Celebration Party" on August 28, 1999 at the Godbold Cultural Center in Lubbock. Fitzgerald and the former Melba Starnes were married August 28, 1949 in Brownfield. They are the parents of Dianne Fitzgerald of Lubbock, Lynne and Tony Winn of Plains, Gwen and Clay Helms of Rotan, and Johna and Tim DeBusk of Lubbock. They are the grandparents of Ashlee and Michael Davis, Ladd Winn, Shyloh Winn, special angel Haley Helms, Dru, Dylan, Dray and Dantz DeBusk and Great grandparents of Mesa Brooklyn Davis. Friends are invited. No gifts please.

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A course in Certified Nurse Aide is scheduled September 13 - October 21 at South Plains College.

The 80 hour course will meet 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Technical Arts Building, room 112. Clinicals will meet 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for three Saturdays at a location to be arranged.

Tuition is \$250, and state exam fee is \$64.75. Instructor is Linda Newman, L.V.N.

The course teaches the necessary skills for work as certified nurse aides in long-term care, home health and hospital environments.

On completion of 54 hours of classroom and 24 hours of clinical instruction, students will take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, Tetanus and have a current TB test.

Enrollment is limited to 16 students.

An additional session is scheduled November 1 - December 16.

To pre-register, contact the SPC Office of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

Sisters strong in tumbling meet

A couple of O'Donnell sisters turned in strong performances at the National Tumbling and Trampoline Meet held recently in Anaheim, California.

O'Donnell's Janae and Sabra Willis brought home a National Championship in synchronized trampoline in their ninth appearance at the National meet.

Janae also brought home the silver medal in individual trampoline and eighth place in the double mini.

Sabra Willis was the only level 10 Acrospirit to make the finals in tumbling and came out fifth overall. She also finished fourth in the double mini and eleventh on the trampoline.

The sisters are great granddaughters of Bertie Mae Smith of Denver City. They compete with the South Plains Acrospirits, and are coached by Sherry Mulkey of Levelland.

Meet the Cowboys and Cowgirls at 8:30 P.M. Monday, August 30th, at Cowboy Stadium! Plains Athletic Booster Club invites everyone to meet the 1999-2000 Plains athletes and coaches. Help kick off a great new year.

Refreshments will be served!!!!

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SALES TAX REBATES

August Sales Tax Rebates for Selected Texas Cities (in millions)

City	Aug. '99	Aug. '98	% Change	1999 Payments-to-Date	% Change From 1998
Houston	\$33.6	\$32.2	4.4	\$210.7	4.6
Dallas	\$21.9	\$20.7	6.0	\$136.1	6.0
San Antonio	\$13.4	\$12.3	8.9	\$85.8	7.4
Austin	\$10.6	\$9.5	10.6	\$70.2	10.2
Fort Worth	\$7.6	\$7.1	7.5	\$45.7	5.9
El Paso	\$4.0	\$4.1	(3.1)	\$29.6	6.1
Amarillo	\$4.2	\$3.9	7.8	\$27.4	3.0
McAllen	\$3.2	\$3.2	1.8	\$22.1	5.4
Corpus Christi	\$3.1	\$2.7	16.2	\$20.4	4.2
Lubbock	\$2.6	\$2.4	9.1	\$17.3	1.7
Beaumont	\$2.6	\$2.5	2.9	\$17.0	5.5
Tyler	\$2.5	\$2.4	1.0	\$16.0	1.0
Abilene	\$2.4	\$2.4	2.0	\$16.0	1.4

SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us).

“Watermelon! Free Ice Cold Watermelon! All You Can Eat!”



Like remembrances from the past, the excitement of County Fairs and carnivals of days gone by, the 4th Annual Yoakum County Watermelon Festival blasts onto the scene Saturday, September 4, 1999.

There will be something for all ages. Located under the trees of the Old Courthouse lawn, there will be some 75 arts and crafts booths, over a dozen food booths, tanks full of ice cold watermelon, and plenty of seats located in front of the stage for the all day entertainment, including live music and dancing.

In front of the New Courthouse are various games and contests for kids and adults alike: including the watermelon roll, seed spitting contest, cow patty bingo, an old fashioned dunking booth, and a 4-H petting zoo.

In front of the Plains Independent Schools, dozens of classic cars and tractors, will line up as well as the sand volleyball courts used for the Alltel Volleyball Tournament.

In the park we will have the brisket and chili cook-off as well as a horseshoe-pitching tournament. The 1-mile Leaco fun run begins behind the Old Courthouse and proceeds to and around the park and back. The team roping event takes place at the Rodeo Arena. There is plenty of shaded seating for you to watch and root for your favorite teams.

The weigh-in for the “Biggest Watermelon Contest” is located across the street from the Courthouse. Last year’s winner topped the scales at 183.3 lbs. and was named the “1998 Texas State Champion.”!!

Door prizes are given out during the day and visitors have the chance to see watermelon royalty as the Texas-Oklahoma Watermelon Queen spends the day meeting and greeting watermelon lovers from around the area.

Even though the watermelon is the sweetest, it’s not as sweet as the people in this community, or the down home welcome they show to our out of town guests. The guests can get acquainted with some of the best people in Texas. It is a festive, yet peaceful setting under the trees.

With pride, the Yoakum County Connection and I would like to welcome each of you to be our guest. It’s a day of community pride, when you can just let go and enjoy family and friends. Come on down to Plains and see rural America at it’s best.

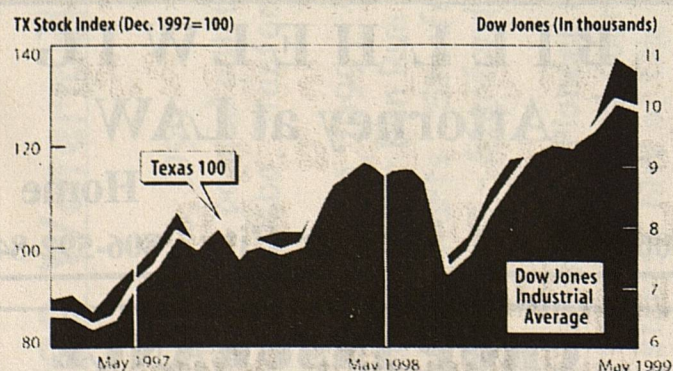
For more information, call 1-806-45MELON (1-804-3566).
Debbie Steffens

STOCK INDEX

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May stock index dips 1 percent

The Texas 100 Stock Index fell 1.1 percent in May to a level of 128.5. Over the last 12 months, the index has risen 11% while the Dow Jones 30 Industrials gained 18.6%.



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Watermelon Round Up Events

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Call Karen Williams for Rules and Entry
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HOWDY, FOLKS !!



It's high time y'all write, phone, or e-mail all your friends and family to join you for this year's big Watermelon Round Up celebration !! They'll be real glad you did!

Saturday Yoakum County Sep. 4, 1999 Watermelon Round-Up

Family Fun Day 9 am to 6 pm Labor Day Weekend

All Day Live Entertainment Fun Food

Arts and Crafts Show Children's Games

Volleyball Tournery Classic Car Show

Great Melon Growing Contest For info (806) 456-2288

Traditional Mexican Dancers

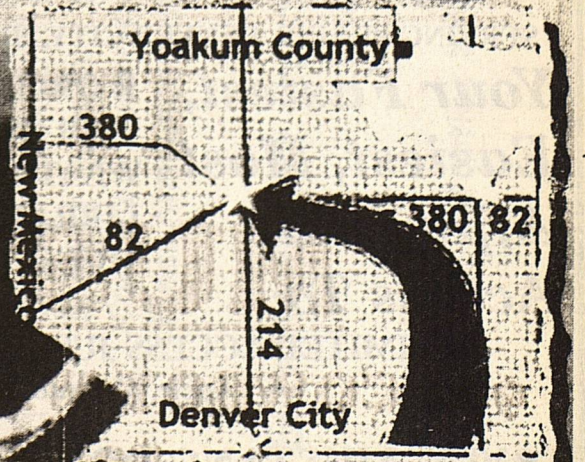
Team Roping 1 mi. Fun Run

Dunking Booth Pet

Brisket/Chili Cook Off Seed Spitting Contest

Watermelon Slices

COW PATTY BINGO



From The Hack

We received a very nice (and thought provoking) E-mail from subscribers Geoff and Beth Gentry describing their recent salt water fishing excursion in the Gulf. They tried sending photos, but unfortunately, our brilliant Mac computers do not comprehend photos generated by inferior PC's, so we can't reproduce them here.

The Gentry's were fishing several miles offshore and apparently had some terrific battles with humongous redfish, which Geoff described in this manner;

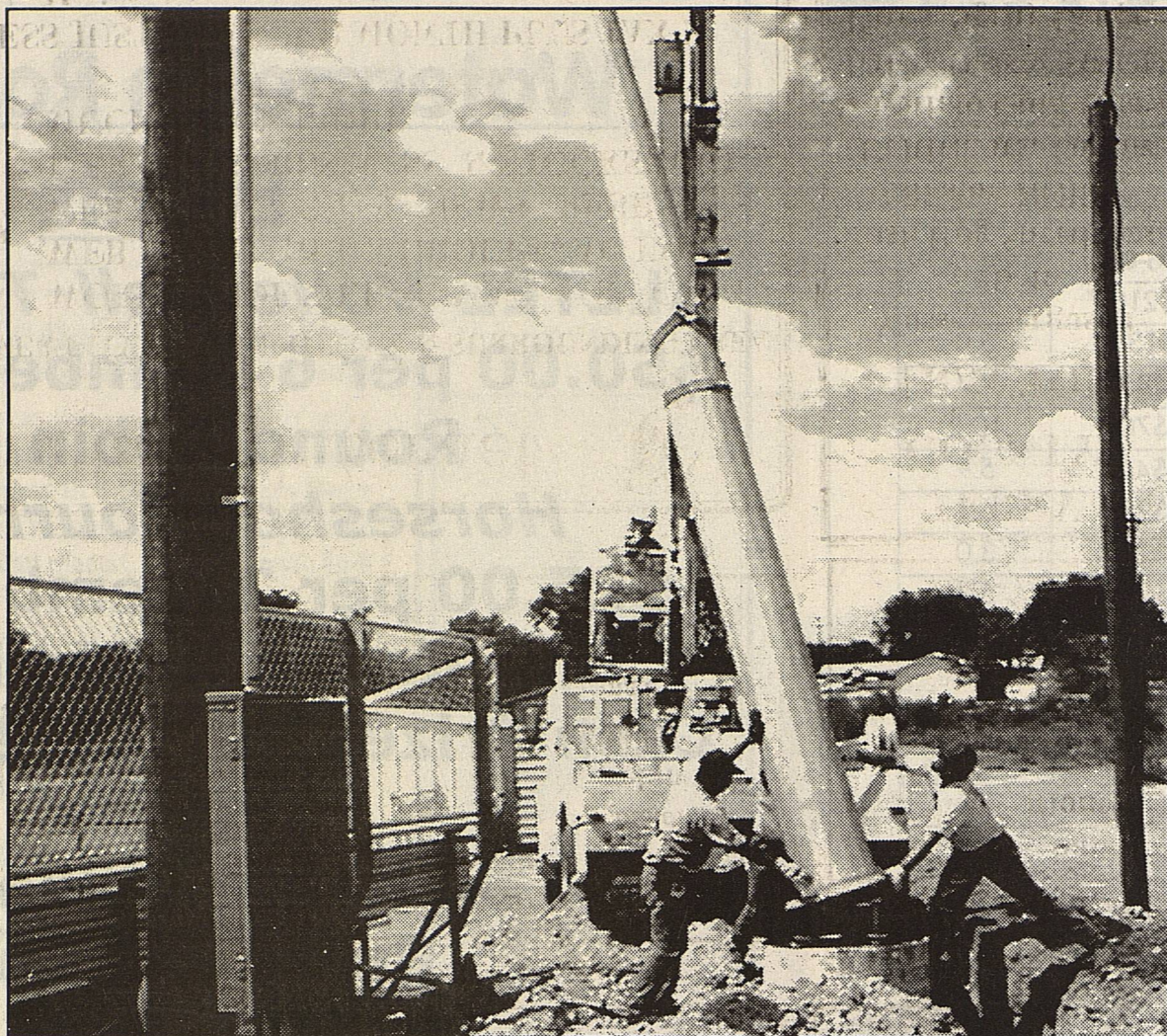
"They ran like crazy and almost took all the lines off our reels. Beth's fish was a diver who repeatedly headed toward the bottom of the 80 foot channel. My fish ran side to side and finally snapped the line after about 15 minutes of struggling. We both saw him just before he he bid us adieu, and... honest, now...he appeared to be 48 inches or longer, so large he didn't look natural, more like Jaws' little brother. Beth continued to fight her fish another 45 minutes and finally got him to the boat. He almost broke our net, and he was over 41 inches long."

The E-mail goes on to say Geoff caught another huge red that was undoubtedly 40-43 inches long, but they forgot to measure him.

Very nice, interesting fish tale. Only a few minor glitches, to my experienced eye. Remember. I spent more than a few years chasing tournament bass, so I naturally recognize thin ice in a fishing tale.

First rule is, no male worth his salt allows a female companion of any sort to out fish him, regardless of the relationship.

Another step closer to 'Lights On'



Lea County Electric and Plains School personnel are shown erecting one of six base poles at the Cowboy baseball field. The top section of the poles which hold the lights will have to be placed in the base poles with a large crane. Yoakum County Electric has pulled all electrical wires to the base poles, and the lighting project should be completed in a few weeks.

Not without trying every dirty trick and practice ever thought of. You will immediately recognize the key scenario, Jeff's fish appeared much larger than Beth's, but managed to get away. That is always a good ploy. Another common antic is using the phrase, "He APPEARED to be 48 inches or longer." Sorry, that just won't stand up in court, Geoff.

And that final little misdeed, "we forgot to measure him". Always, always comes in handy.

After studying the missive, I am convinced Geoff is suffering from what I call the "Butch-Bobbie Gayle Syndrome". This is the condition where Butch makes it quite apparent he THINKS he's a better fisherman than wife Bobbie, and Bobbie KNOWS she is better than Butch.

Just because I scanned your writing with rather jaundiced

eyes doesn't mean we didn't enjoy your tale, Geoff. When you two go out again, send us the story. I will lay odds right now, however, Beth actually LANDS the biggest fish next trip, again.

An open plea to George W. Bush:

Dear George W,

We all know you have to make some sort of response to the media about possible minor transgressions in your earlier years.

On bended knees, with tears in my eyes, I beseech you, Please, Please do not tell them "But I never inhaled!" We all know where that led to.

Tell them SOMETHING - How about when you were a lad of 19 you were kicked in the head while milking a jersey cow, and when you woke up you discovered a marijuana

joint had been stuck in your mouth. Be SURE you add, "of course I took a puff and INHALED it." That should satisfy just about all but the most holy sanctimonious.

One thing you certainly want to avoid at all costs. Don't even think of dropping the smallest hint your early mistakes were brought on by the stress and strain caused by bickering about your rearing between your mother and granny.

That was tried just recently and didn't seem too effective in explaining another politician's antics. Of course, he was already in the big old White House. Remember, George W, you're still just trying to get in.

Here's a novel idea; Tell 'em, "You dang right, old buddy, I tried it all, booze, loose women, good dope, and I loved every bit of it". Who knows what honesty might do.

1999 Property Tax Rates for the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District

This notice concerns 1999 property tax rates for the SANDY LAND UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 166,234.00
Last year's debt taxes	0.00
Last year's total taxes	166,234.00
Last year's tax base	1,497,608,277.00
Last year's total tax rate	0.0111/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 166,176.00
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	1,111,154,980.00
= This year's effective tax rate	0.01495/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 166,162.00
/ This year's adjusted tax base	1,111,154,980.00
= This year's effective operating rate	0.01495/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.01615/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.00000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.01615/\$100

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following balances will probably be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
No unencumbered Fund Balances	\$0.00

Schedule B 1999 Debt Service

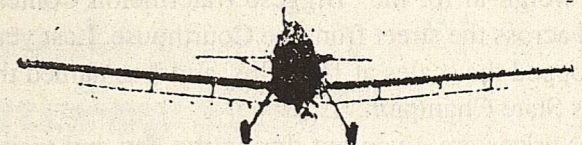
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Principal or Description of Debt Property Taxes	Interest Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	to be Paid from Property to be Paid	Other Amounts	Total Payment
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Total required for 1999 debt service				\$0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				0.00
- Excess collections last year				0.00
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1999				\$0.00
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect 100% of its taxes in 1999				\$0.00
= Total Debt Levy				\$0.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at: SANDY LAND UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, 1012 Ave. F., Plains, Texas 79355.

Name of person preparing this notice: WANDA SMITH
Title: YOAKUM COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
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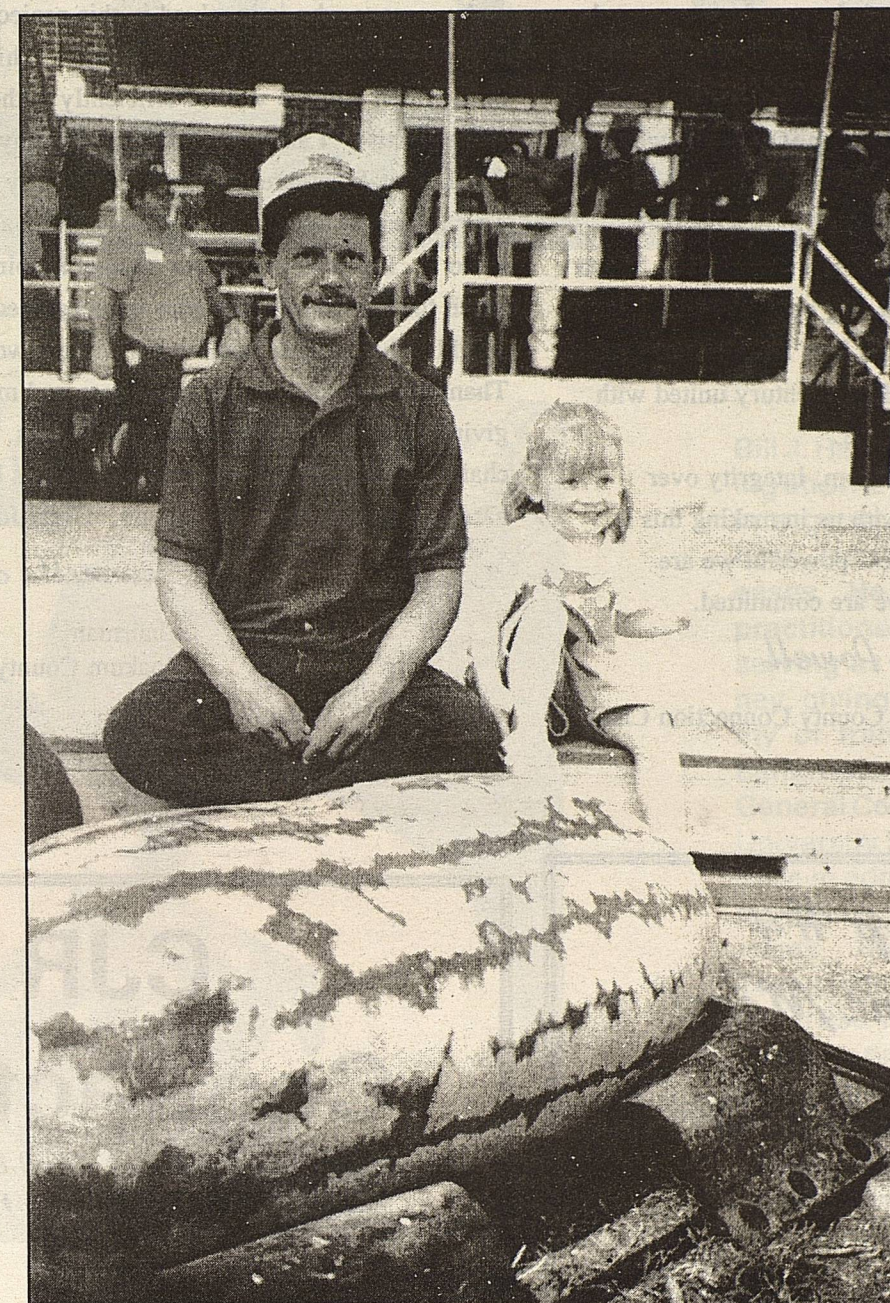
'99 Watermelon Roundup Activities

- 6:30pm Friday, September 3, 1999
Brisket & Chili meat passed out to cooks
Cooks meeting - Gazebo, Stanford Park
- 8:00am Saturday, September 4, 1999
Until 8:45 Register for Fun Run - NW of Old Courthouse
Brisket Cook-Off starts - Stanford Park
Chili Cook-Off starts - Stanford Park
- 9:00 Watermelon Weigh-In - Pioneer Park by City Hall
Fun Run starts - NW of Old Courthouse
Toddler Run starts - NW of Old Courthouse
Alltel Volleyball Tournament - Front of school
Boot Toss - Front of New Courthouse
Classic Car Show starts - Front of school
Pony rides/Space walk/Gyrosphere/Ladder Climb/Train Ride-Front of New Courthouse
Books open for Team Roping - Plains Rodeo Arena
- 10:00 Petting Zoo - NE of New Courthouse
Team Roping - Plains Rodeo Arena
- 11:00 Watermelon Rolling Contest - Front of New Courthouse
Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest - Front of New Courthouse
- 1:00pm Watermelon Awards & Recognition Ceremony - Stage
Dunking Booth - Front of New Courthouse (5 chances for \$1)
Hay Hop - Front of New Courthouse
Horseshoe Pitching Contest - Pioneer Park by City Hall
- 2:00 Balloon Toss - Front of New Courthouse
- 3:00 Cow-Patty Bingo - Front of New Courthouse
Watermelon Eating Contest - Front of New Courthouse
Chili Cook-Off Judging - Gazebo/Stanford Park
- 4:00 Brisket Cook-Off Judging - Gazebo/Stanford Park
- 5:30 Brisket Cook-Off & Chili Cook-Off Winners Announced - Stage
Brisket Auction - Stage
Car Show Awards - Stage
Final Announcements - Stage

Entertainment on stage all day. Listen for announcer to give time or check for posted times at stage area.

Port-a-Potties between Library & Old Courthouse, Car Show, Rodeo Arena

Fourth Annual Watermelon Round-Up



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Saturday - September 4, 1999
Plains, Texas

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For Yoakum County Connection members, directors and supporters, Yoakum County Watermelon Round-Up is proof of gifts of the spirit at work. With our imagination, capabilities, enthusiasm and cooperation, this fourth annual festival will be a success. Our lives are fuller and more integrated as we take positive action to shape our destiny in this part of Texas. Our mind-set to use the arts for benefit and change, for young and old, for all income and ethnic groups has transformative possibility and shows our generous spirit. As Mother Teresa reminded us, we can do no great things, only small things with great love. For Jeannette Head and all the chairs, workers, and donors, this 1999 Watermelon Round-Up is a labor of love. Love for our youth who benefit from the Summer Youth Art Workshops, love for cultural learning by bringing artists to our schools in Plains and Denver City, love for our county and communities as we join the Twenty-First Century united with pride in our past and hope for the future.

Commitment is action over pessimism, integrity over skepticism care over despair. Join with us in making this a century of faith and recognition of how powerful we are individually and collectively when we are committed.

Linda Powell

Yoakum County Connection Chair

To the Best Volunteers in Texas!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help and support during the past year as we have worked to get ready for this year's Watermelon Round-Up. Your generosity of time, talent and money has been greatly appreciated by me and everyone who is involved in this project. I especially want to thank Joni Hancock and Gary Dyer. This tabloid would not have gotten done so well or efficiently without their support and expertise. I also want to thank Tommy Box and Hershel Smith for taking care that we have 250 hay bales to sit on. This is an enormously hot and sweaty job and they volunteered to do it. Linda Powell is our unsung heroine. She does so much for this county that goes unrecognized. This Round-Up wouldn't be possible without her tireless work and support. Thanks to city and county employees and many others for giving generously of their time and talents. The committee chairpersons and their committee members have worked extra hard to pull this off. I salute you. Great Job!!

Jeannette Head

Chairman
Yoakum County Watermelon Round-Up

Round-Up #4
Let's Add One More!
CONGRATULATIONS!

from

Dennis & Sue Ann Harrison

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*Sends best wishes to the
4th Annual
Watermelon Round-Up!*

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How would you describe the Yoakum County Watermelon Festival? Well, when I asked my niece, Stephanie Addison, her eyes lit up and she squealed, "Watermelons!" Her favorite part is eating all the sweet melon slices that she can hold. She also likes to sit under the trees and listen to the music and watch the gymnasts as she enjoys another slice. Next, I asked her two brothers.

Chris likes the watermelon, but his favorite part is the contests and races. He loves the competition, prizes, and playing with his friends. One of his favorites, was getting to take part in the "dunking booth." Needless to say, he stayed pretty wet with a little help from his dad. He also enjoyed the pie in the face booth, especially since he was able to get even with his dad.

Scott enjoys all the neat booths and stands, the many contests, all the free watermelon, and the great music. Something he is looking forward to this year is entering the Annual Fun Run. He plans to run in the 1-mile race and win a medal and may help with the new "Toddler Fun Run."

I enjoy viewing the crafts with my mom and dad, and sampling the food booths; but the thing I feel is most important is that this is a time when our community comes together in friendship and a common goal. I enjoy getting to see and visit with old friends that I haven't seen in a long time and making new friends from other places. It's a time that we can show off what is most special and important in our community. Even though the watermelon is the sweetest, it's not as sweet as the people in this community and the down home welcome that they show to our out of town guests. These guests can get acquainted with some of the best people in Texas. Our Courthouse lawn is manicured and the flowers are blooming in the rose beds, pots, and Texas planter. All in all it is a festive, yet peaceful setting under the trees.

I'm proud of my home and community and I'm glad that others will have the opportunity to see rural America at its best.

The Watermelon Festival...it's a day of community pride, when you can just let go and enjoy family and friends.

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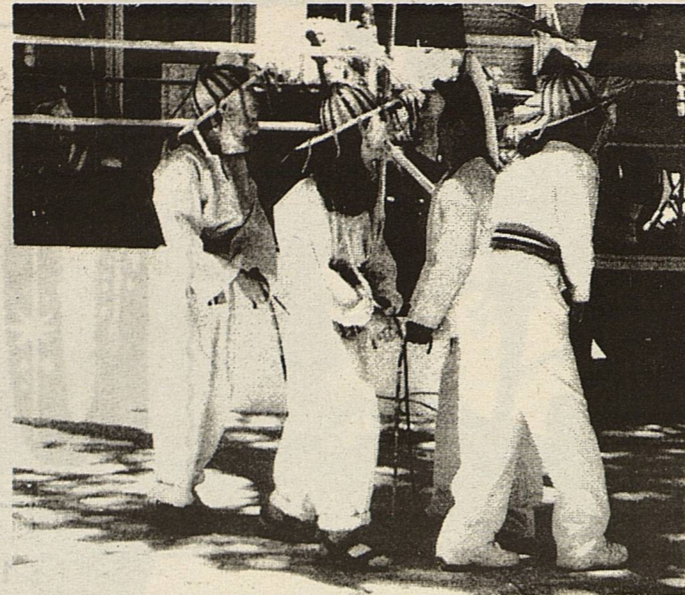
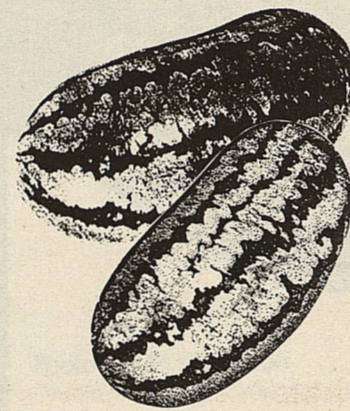


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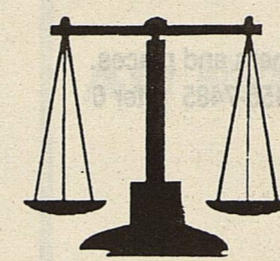
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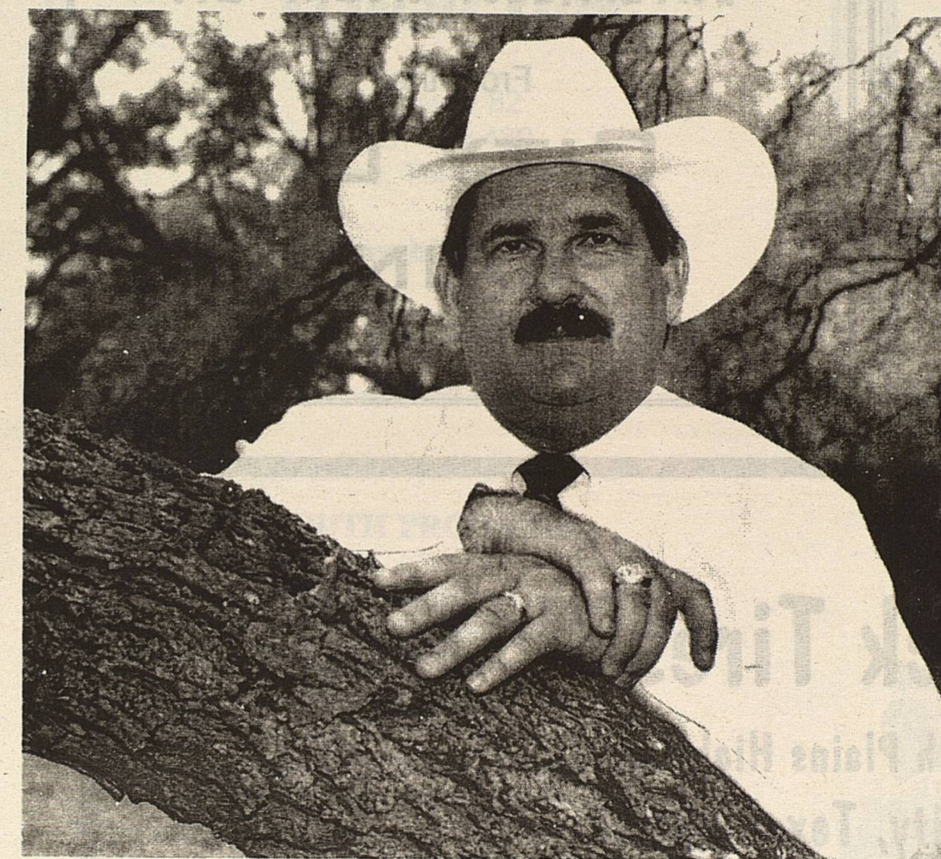
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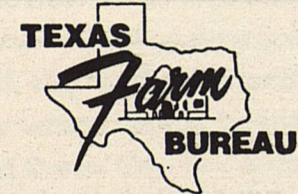
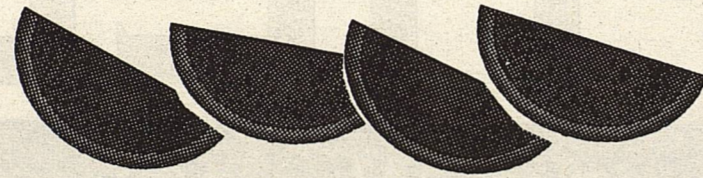
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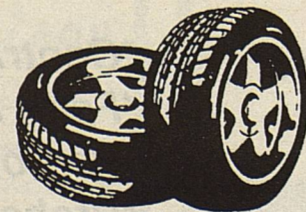
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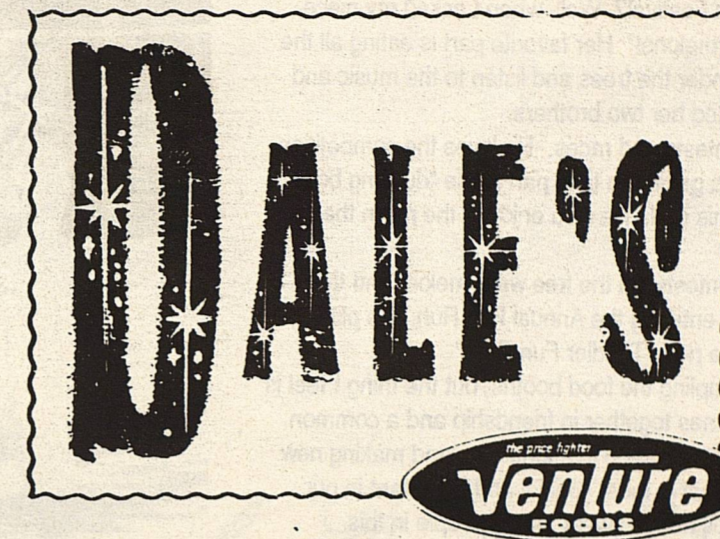
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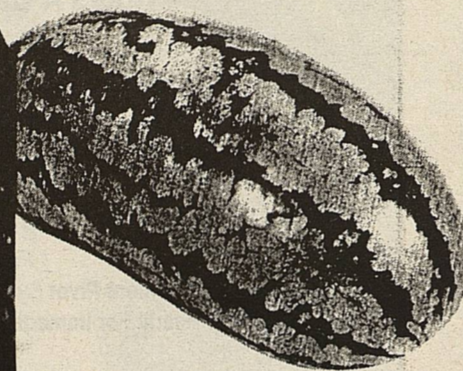
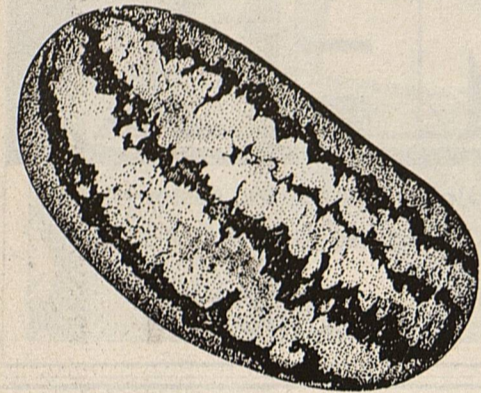
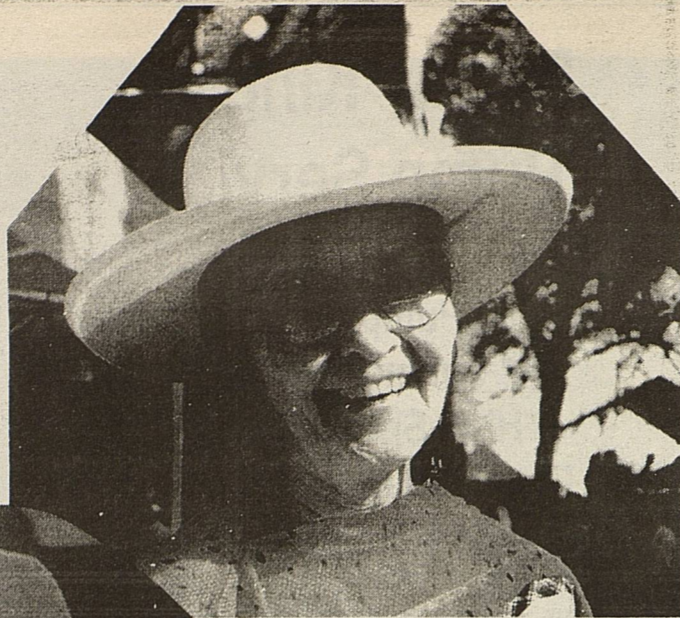


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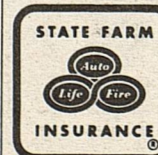
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Most of all, a special thanks to the instructors who devoted their time, energy and talent. They are the true success behind the Yoakum County Summer Youth Program.

This program would not be possible without the support of the Yoakum County Connection, local supporters, and the Texas Commission on the Arts. I am very pleased they trusted me with the Summer Youth Program. What a great opportunity it was to work with all the kids and parents of Yoakum County!!!!

Tonya Patton
Director

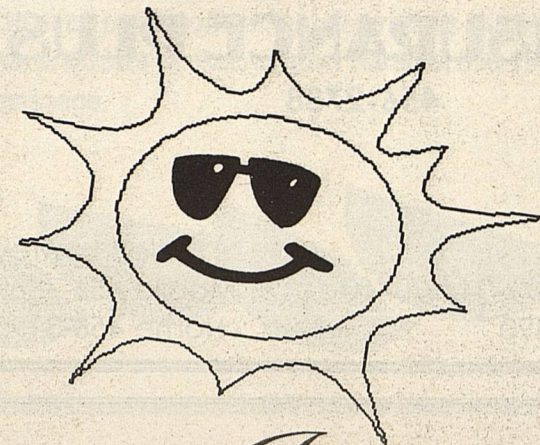


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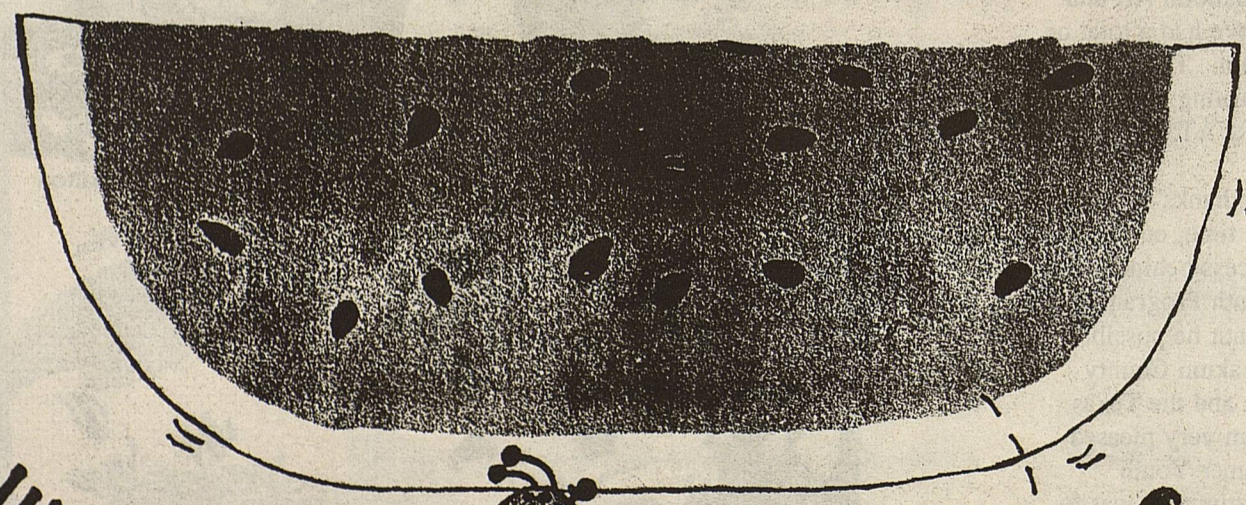
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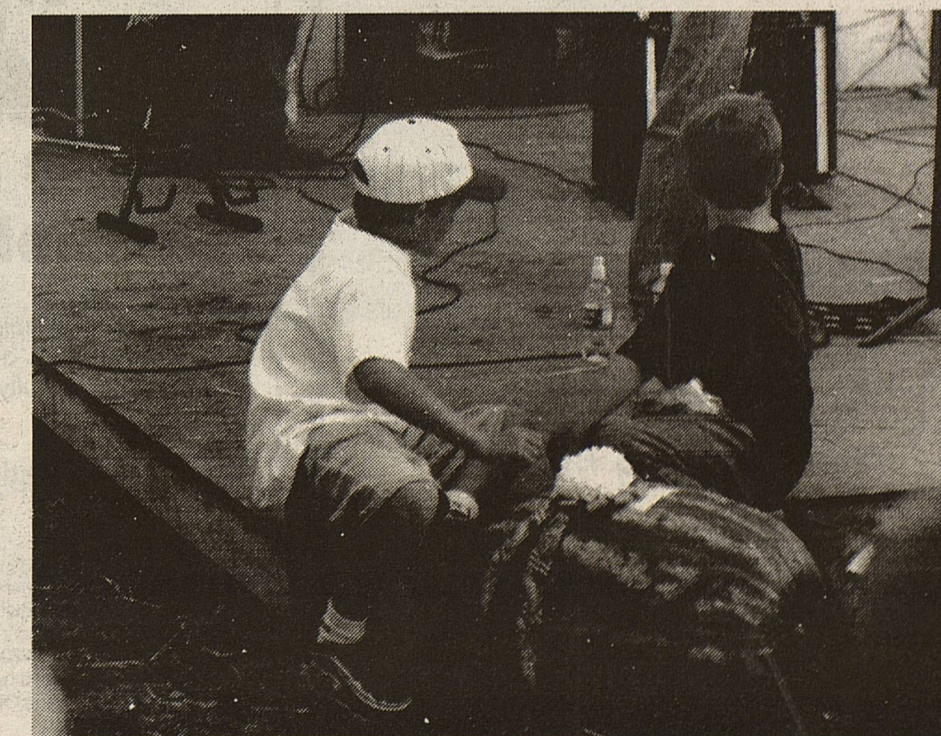


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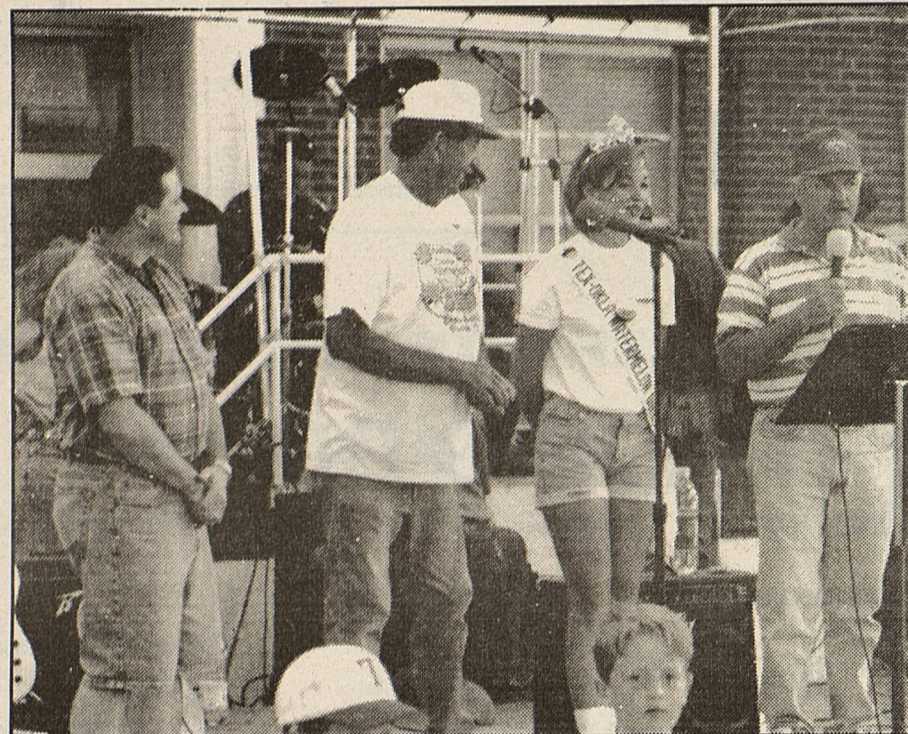
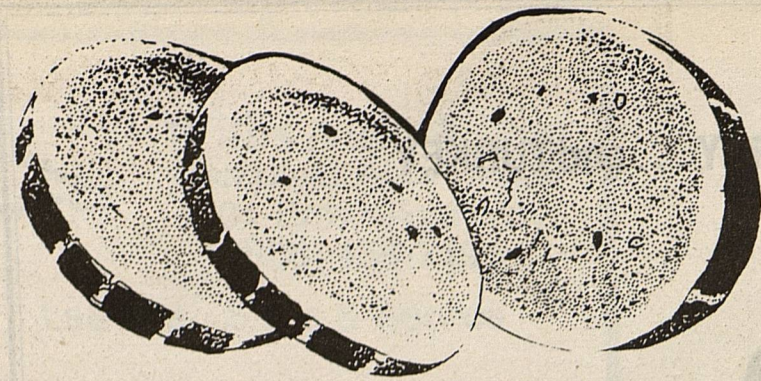
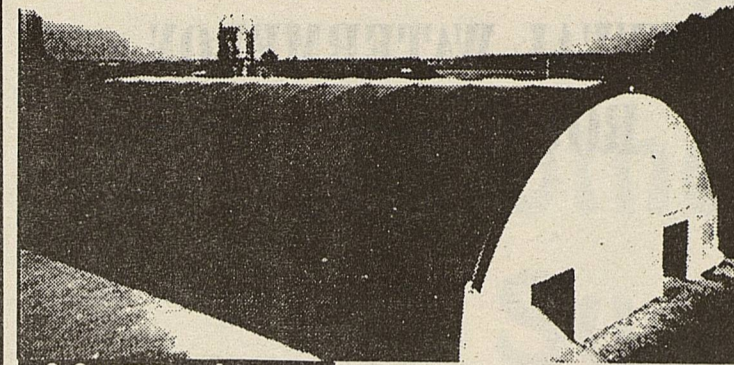


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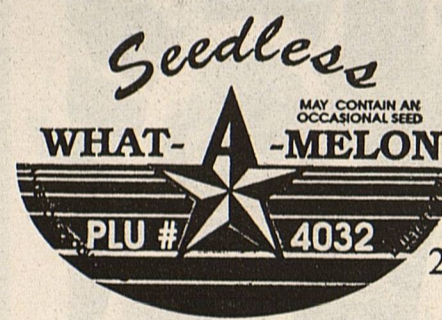
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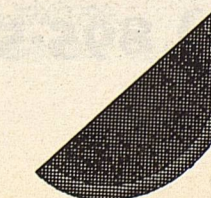
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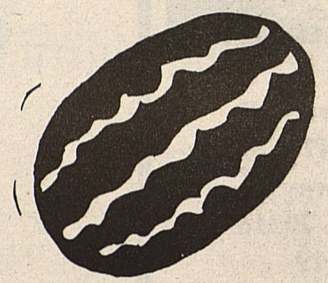
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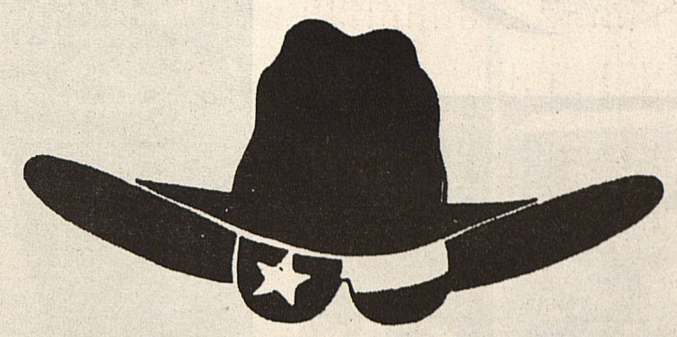
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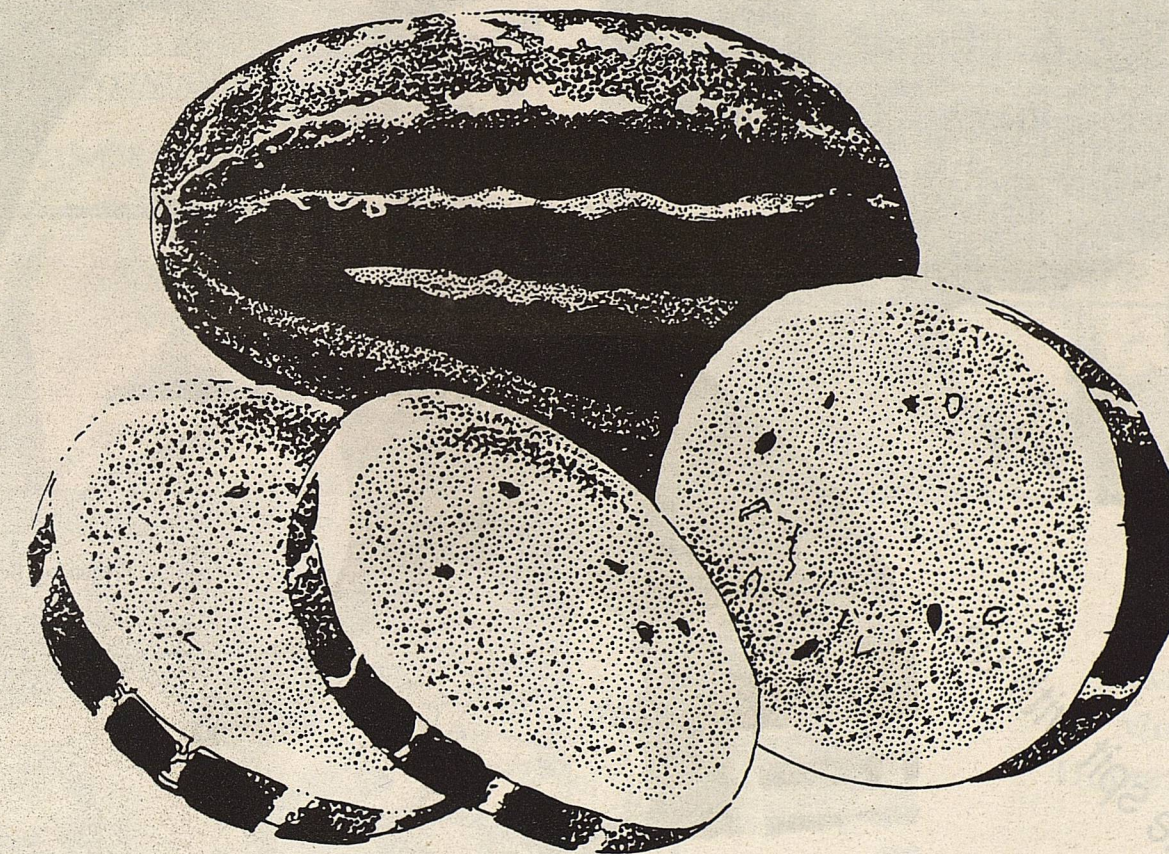
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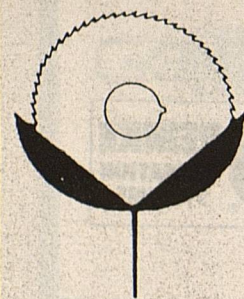
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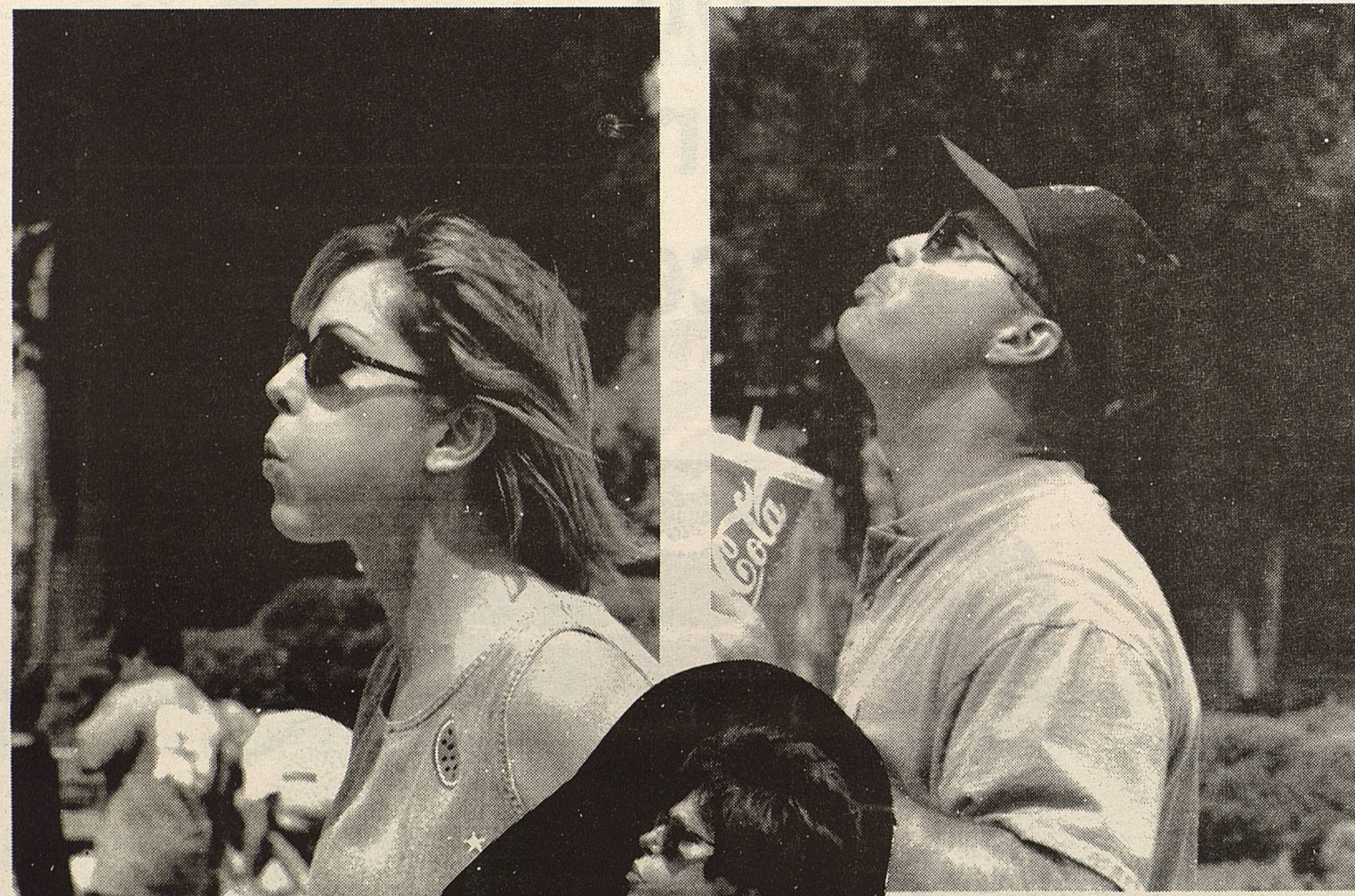


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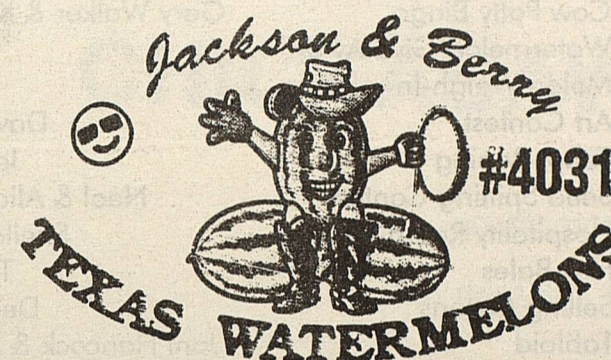
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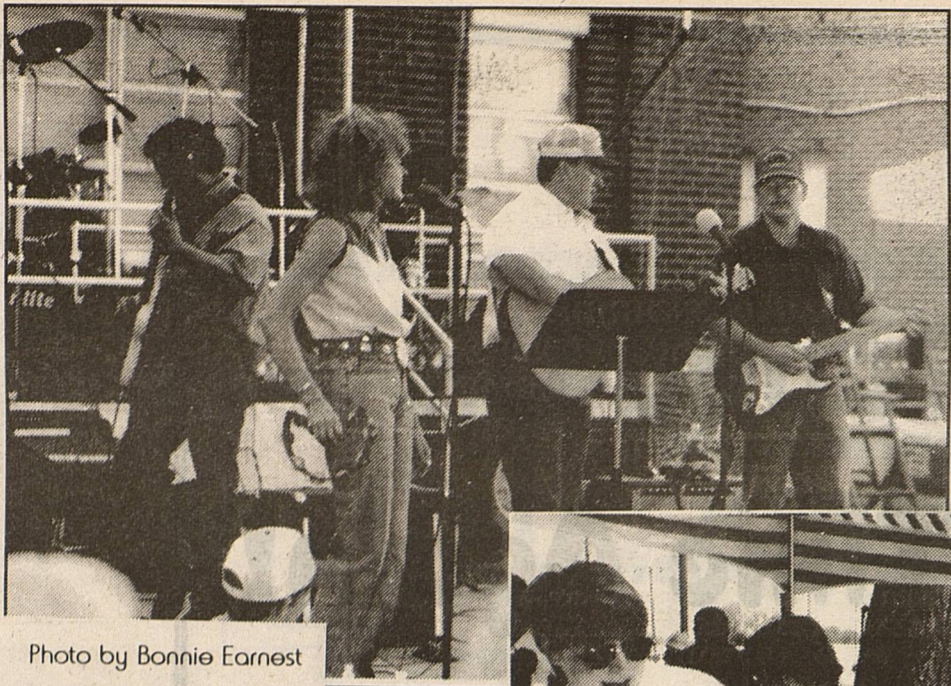


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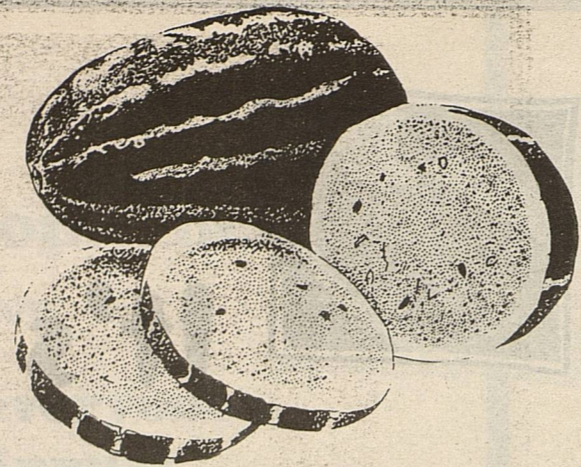


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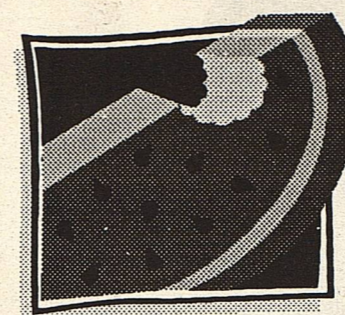
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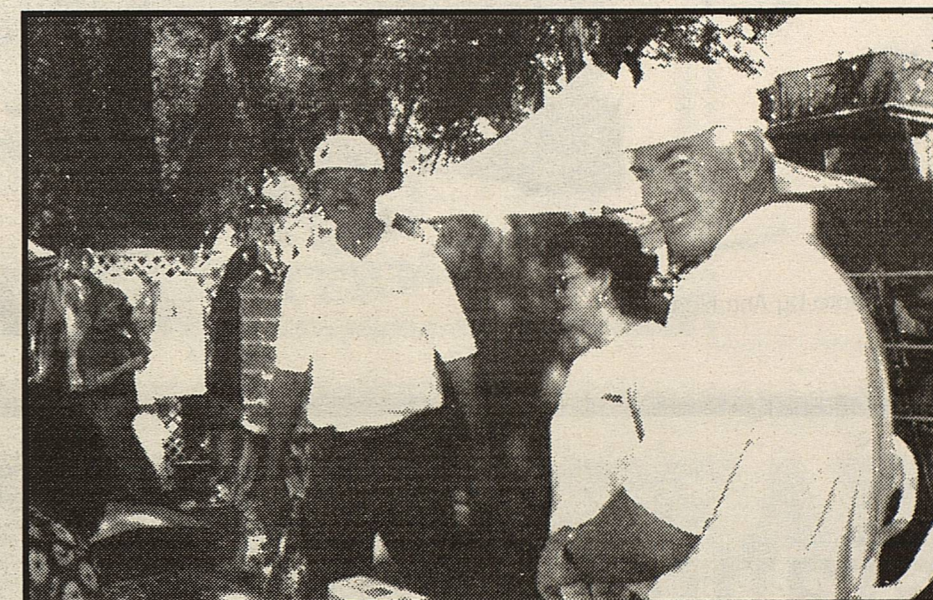
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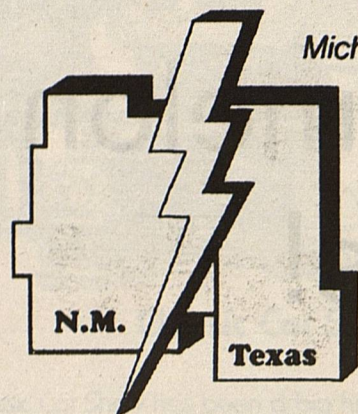
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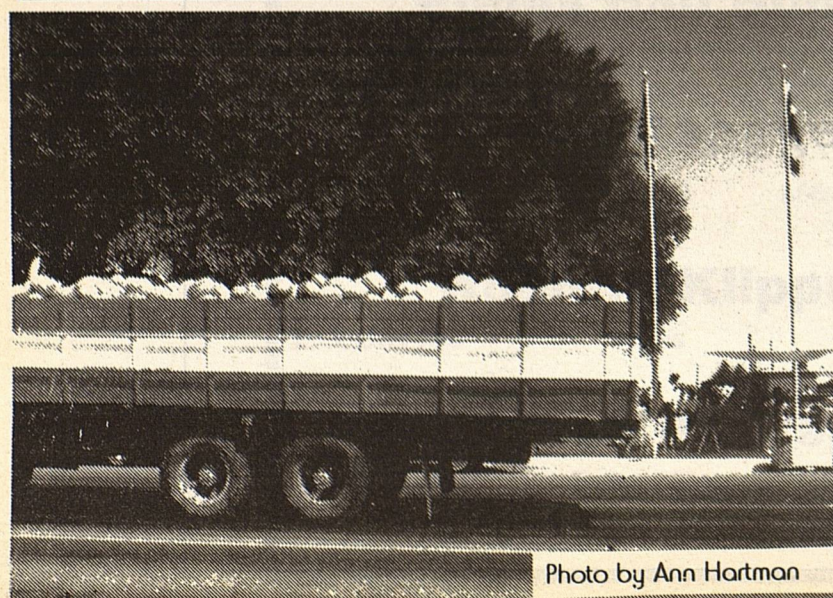
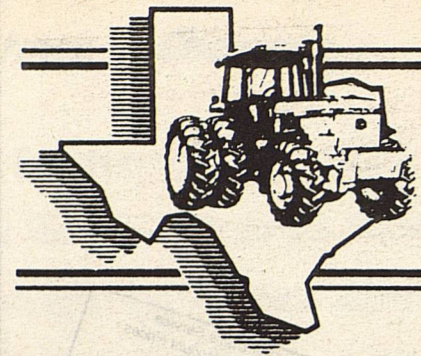


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The Classic Car Show has been a big hit every year at the Roundup. The number of entries has increased each year since the first year of the show, and participants have brought many beautiful cars. The variety of the makes and models of custom cars and pickups has given the show a lot of interest. Entries have ranged from antiques to the 90's.

We are very excited about the Classic Car Show this year. The competition is divided into several classes with trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. In addition there are trophies for Best in Show, Watermelon Pick, Best Car Club Representation and Participants Choice.

We really appreciate Terry and Wadonna Davis, the sponsors, Suncot Gin and Lea County Electric who made our car show possible last year. They will be helping us out again this year.

The Car Show will again be in front of the school, close to the other events, craft and food booths. We welcome anyone interested to come for a good show and a fun day.



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Big Melon Contest weigh-in begins at 9 a.m.

Weigh-in begins at 9 a.m. September 4, 1999 for the Big Melon Contest. The weigh-in will be at the Pioneer Park (just south of Courthouse). Entrants are limited to melons grown only in Yoakum County.

Winner of the overall biggest melon will receive \$500 donated by *Sundown State Bank*. Winners in *juniors (through age 10)*, and *youths (ages 11 through 18)* will each receive \$250 savings bonds from Plains State Bank. A \$250 savings bond from Norwest Bank will be given to the winner of the *senior citizen classification (age 62 and older)*. Awards will be presented at the stage area. Melons will be displayed at the stage area following judging.

Committee chair is Bill Helwig. For further details contact him at 592-3536. Scales are being furnished by Sellers Ag Supply and wheel barrows by Bayer Lumber.

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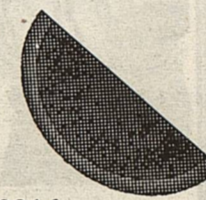
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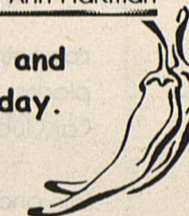
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